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Rhodesian jets and army strike at base in Zambia

odesia has carried out another raid into mbia to attack a guerrilla base, killing at least black nationalist fighters. Salisbury said it a "self-defence operation" to foil a guerrilla asion. News of the attack seemed certain to ce harder Bishop Muzorewa's task of winning rnational support at the United Nations for internal settlement agreement.

nvasion by guerrillas oiled, Salisbury says

Nicholas Ashford
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least 38 black nationalist illas were said today to been killed during an k on a guerrilla base on Zambian side of the Zam- river. According to a com- qué issued by Rhodesian ined operations headquar- a Rhodesian soldier also during the raid.

e attack happened about iles west of the point where Zambia, Rhodesia and mbique borders meet on anks of the Zambezi. It is ifth air or land attack by Rhodesians on Zambian ory since August.

ws of the attack came only s before Bishop Muzorewa, r of the United African nal Council was due in York for the United ns Security Council debate Rhodesia.

is trying to win interna- l support for the internal ement signed in Salisbury week by Mr Ian Smith, the e Minister, and three black ers. The new attack can make Bishop Muzorewa's more difficult.

Zambian government esman described it as "unprovoked and indis- inate". According to the ian version of events, the lt began at 10 am yester- and was still continuing at day today.

t aircraft, helicopters and nd troops were involved in assault, centred on the administrative and trad- centre of Luangwa. The ians claimed to have shot six Rhodesian aircraft.

cording to the Rhodesians ecurity forces involved had ned to base by tonight. official communiqué des- d the attack as a "self- ce operation", launched empt an invasion by guer- of Rhodesian territory.

e communiqué stated that up of captured guerrillas ndicated the existence of a uerrilla base on the north of the Zambezi. This had confirmed by security surveillance. Guerrillas also seen rehearsing boat ing operations.

Later a group of guerrillas was intercepted and "destroyed" on its way to the Rhodesian bank of the Zambezi, the communiqué added. It was apparent that "this group was the forerunner of a large incursion which was in the process of being mounted".

The Rhodesians said there were no Zambian forces or civilians in the guerrilla base at the time of the attack. They also denied that any of their aircrft had been shot down.

Guerrillas belonging to Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union, part of the Patriotic Front, are known to have a big base in the area.

The Zapu army, known by the acronym Zipra, has stepped up its operations in the western part of Rhodesia recently, crossing from both Zambia and Botswana. Last week the Rhodesians carried out a "hot pursuit" raid into Botswana against Zipra guerrillas and claimed they killed 15.

According to reports from Zambia, there has been a massive build-up of Mr Nkomo's forces in recent months. These reports state that at least 6,000 Zipra guerrillas are being trained in Angola and another 2,000 in the Soviet Union. There are also several thousand guerrillas based in Zambia and probably at least 1,000 operating inside Rhodesia.

The Zipra forces are being equipped with an array of sophisticated Soviet armaments. These are said to include armoured cars, "Stalin organ" multiple rocket launchers, rocket and grenade launchers.

The Rhodesian attack was clearly designed to reduce the level of Zipra infiltration into Rhodesia so that white and internally based black leaders can try to win local support for the internal settlement. It may have also been designed to warn President Kaunda, of Zambia, of the dangers involved in continuing to support Mr Nkomo's war effort.

Sithole warning: Mr Sithole told journalists today, before news of the raid, that invading enemies of the agreement would be opposed "with every bit of our lives".—Reuter.

Dr Owen for talks, page 7

Resignation reports shake Israel Cabinet

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, March 7

Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Minister of Defence, indicated from Washington today that there had been a serious clash of authority in the Cabinet over the policy on Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Although he had been forced to respond firmly, he denied that he had threatened to resign.

In spite of his denial, the belief persists in political circles here that Mr Weizman did threaten resignation when he feared that his orders to halt all settlement activities in the occupied areas were being countermanded by Mr Ariel Sharon, the minister responsible.

Rumours began after Mr Weizman left Israel on Sunday that development work was being restarted at two sites in the occupied areas, in spite of the Defence Minister's express orders that it should halt.

From Washington, Mr Weizman was quoted today as saying: "I put my foot down, and hard, and I think I was right."

Mr Weizman said that although one of the controversial sites was inside a military base and settlement had been approved, he felt that nothing should be done until after he, Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, and Mr Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, had concluded their meetings with President Carter in Washington

In another development, a group of 300 Israeli reserve officers and soldiers in front lines units have written to Mr Begin sharply criticizing the Governments' settlement policy and its ideological commitment to possession of the whole of Biblical Israel.

Although the signatories state clearly that they would obey any order if war broke out, they say that Government policy based on preference for the borders of Biblical Israel and for settlements in the administered areas "will make it difficult for us to identify with the path of the state".

The protest letter was described by the Prime Minister's office as "a clear attempt by various circles to undermine the stability of the Government". It has been noted here that the reserve status of the signatories is shared by most able-bodied Israeli men, and thus is of no particular significance.

The signatories identify themselves by name and rank, and include 13 majors and two lieutenant-colonels.

From the opposite end of the spectrum, supporters of Gush Emunim (Faith Block), a pressure group which zealously favour settlement of Biblical Israel, said in a press conference today that under no circumstances would they go along with "compromises and the freezing of something as vital as settlement".

Meanwhile, Mr Alfred Atherton, the American envoy attempting to bring Egypt and Israel to agreement on a declaration of principles for a comprehensive peace settlement, met Mr Begin and Mr Dayan here after his visit to Cairo. American sources said that the differences between the two governments had been narrowed and in some cases more clearly defined.

Mr Begin's mission, page 7

Copies of eighteenth-century works believed to have been marketed in Paris

More than 30 'Fragonard' drawings may be fakes

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

More than thirty drawings assumed to have been by Fragonard, the eighteenth-century French artist, are suspected of being fakes. Prices between £1,000 and £20,000 have been paid for them.

Important North American museums and leading dealers in Old Master drawings throughout the world have accepted that they have been taken in by fake Fragonard drawings acquired during the past 20 years.

The probability that the drawings all come from the same source is also acknowledged; indeed, there is a strong case for believing that a large group of accomplished fake Fragonard drawings, some of which have not yet been traced, may have been marketed out of Paris over that period. They have tended to go to North America, where there were collectors and museums who could afford them.

The National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa has accepted that a drawing entitled "La confidence" which it bought from a Paris dealer, is not authentic.

The Montreal Museum came to the same conclusion over a drawing entitled "Le petit concert", which it had acquired from Mr Robert Light, a leading American dealer in Old Master prints and drawings. He took it back and reimbursed the museum.

Mr Light passed it back to a Swiss dealer, from whom he had acquired it, who passed it back to M and Mme Higgons, the Paris dealers. They have so far failed to persuade their source to repurchase the work, Mme Higgons told me last week.

A private American collector has discovered, with the help of the Fogg Museum, that a drawing acquired from Paris entitled "Les lavandieres de Toulon" is not authentic.

In Paris an Argentine collector, Mme Riches, has brought a lawsuit against M and Mme Higgons for selling her husband a fake drawing entitled "Le coucher des ouvrières en mode".

The Higgonses have accepted that the drawing is not authentic and agreed to reimburse the collector. But they are still fighting the case up to the Cour de Cassation, alleging that responsibility lies with those who supplied them with the drawing.

Mr Eugene Thaw, the leading New York dealerin Old Masters, has accepted that two drawings he acquired separately are probably not authentic, and allowed them to be studied scientifically at the Fogg Museum in Cambridge. "Les Cascatelles", which he acquired from the Hallsborough Gallery in London, which had bought it from a small dealer in Paris, has been demonstrated to be a modern fake.

Scientific tests have proved more inconclusive with the second drawing, "Jeune fille étendue dans un jardin", which Mr Thaw bought from the Schaeffer Galleries in New York, who purchased it at Sotheby's in London in 1961.

It had been consigned for sale by M Alexandre Ananoff, the French expert. It has, however, been demonstrated that the drawing bears a fake collector's mark and has a fake inscription on the back.

A French government accredited handwriting expert has demonstrated that the inscription is in the same hand as another on the back of a drawing entitled "Marguerite Gerard faisant la lecture", belonging to the Art Institute of Chicago. The institute has accepted that there might be doubts about the drawings authenticity.

There are also doubts over a drawing entitled "L'education du chien", formerly in the Wrightsmans' collection but presented by them to the Metropolitan Museum in New York, the drawing was bought by the Wrightsmans in 1959.

Mrs Wrightsman has expressed the hope that the Metropolitan will be aale to investigate th paper, ink and collector's mark, but no results are yet available.

The only recent important publication on Fragonard drawings is the four-volume *catalogue raisonne, L'oeuvre dessine de Jean-Honore Fragonard*, published by M alexandre Ananoff between 1961 and 1970. All the drawings mentioned above are included in that catalogue.

In all but two cases ("Le coucher des ouvrieres en mode" and "Jeune fill etendue") he indicates with a star *that in his opinion* the drawing is authentic. M Ananoff explained to me last week that he accorded a star to a drawing where to the best of his knowledge at the time, it appeared to be genuine; in some cases he has seen the drawing, in others only a photograph.

He is most disturbed about the fakes and the criticisms that have been levelled at his catalogue and himself concerning them.

He told me: "What I have done is publish my own archive on Fragonard's drawings. There is no attempt to be definitive.

"I am continually receiving new information, which may alter or extend my own knowledge; for that reason I have included, at the back of each successive volume, additions and corrections to my catalogue in earlier volumes. I am now planning a fifth volume."

To publish a catalogue at all, he complained, was to lay oneself open to criticism, especially a catalogue that discussed 2,736 separated rawings.

Details, page 5





An entire album of fake Fragonard illustrations to La Fontaine's Contes was consigned to Sotheby's for sale in 1961 when it was valued at about £75,000. Sotheby's appears to have realized that the album was not authentic and the sale never took place. There are in fact three series of genuine drawings by Fragonard illustrating La Fontaine's Contes. One was prepared to illustrate an edition published by Didot in 1795; engravings after a second by Martial were published in 1883. The fake album appears to be based on the Martial engravings, together with a few Didot engravings. Left, a fake drawing from the album consigned to Sotheby's illustrating "La coupe enchantée". Right, the Martial engraving from which it was probably copied.

panish actors jailed for insult

Harry Debelius
id, March 7

military court shook the of some Spaniards in fledgling democracy by sentencing four s in Barcelona to two imprisonment for "in- g the armed forces" in a mime. The performance been approved by the stry of Culture.

e sentences on three men a woman must be oved by higher military rity. It was imposed r legislation remaining in from the Franco era h allows the armed forces ry civilians for military ces.

e Government of Señor ez has made no overt pt to intervene. The case began in December when a general ordered the closing of the Barcelona theatre where the troupe of Els Joglars had given just 12 performances of the play *La Torna* Señor Albert Boadella, the actor-director of the troupe, and five other actors were arrested.

Señor Boadella and one of his colleagues escaped and fled to France, where they are expected to be granted political asylum.

Señora Marta Mats, a socialist deputy, has presented a question in the Cortes, calling on the Government to explain "various actions opposed to the right of free speech", especially in regard to the Barcelona court martial.

The two-day trial resulted in clashes between the police and demonstrators, as well as other disturbances in Barcelona, in which several people were injured.

In Madrid, the police today ousted about sixty people, mostly connected with the theatre, from a cultural centre where they had been staging a sit-in in support of the Barcelona actors. Several people were reported to be in custody.

The play *La Torna* was based upon the court martial and execution of a Polish murderer in Tarragona in 1974. The military prosecutor said: "In the script the military tribunal is portrayed as acting out of opportunistic and political motives, to the extent that it does not hesitate to condemn a man to death."

Franco lampooned, page 7

UK drops curbs plan after Japan car pledge

By Edward Townsend

Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, has abandoned plans for formal import restrictions on Japanese cars after unprecedented assurances from the Japanese Government that their share of the United Kingdom market will decline this year.

The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry has told Britain that it will conduct "strong administrative guidances" to ensure that car and light commercial vehicle shipments to the United Kingdom this year will not exceed 1977 levels.

These assurances, contained in a letter delivered to the British Embassy in Tokyo last Friday, do not refer to the high level of stocks, believed to be 40,000-50,000 Japanese cars, already in the country at the end of last year.

But the letter does express MITI's "confident expectation that the Japanese share of the United Kingdom market for cars will naturally decline from the share taken in 1977", assuming that the total market grows to the 1,450,000 level forecast by the British industry.

After discussions between the two Goverments, it is clear Mr Dell considers this to imply that given the high stocks, actual Japanese shipments this year will be well below the 163,000 cars exported last year.

Provisions are being made to monitor car arrivals from Japan and the imposition of restrictions has not been ruled out should the Japanese fail to meet their commitments. But the new assurances, which represent the first public entry into the controversy by the Japanese Government, are considered preferable to formal British controls.

Mr Dell, disclosing the Japanese move in a Commons written reply yesterday, also made clear that the British motor industry could not expect further Government help. He hoped that the manufacturers, particularly British Leyland, would take advantage of the "greater degree of certainty" he believed the assurances gave them.

Japanese car registrations in the United Kingdom last year totalled 140,416. If the market expands this year as forecast, the figure could rise to a projected annual total of 145,000 before Whitehall would review its attitude.

In its letter, MITI said it fully recognized the special circimstances of the British industry. The hope in Whitehall, however, is that the new assurances, while applying only to 1978, will form a longer term commitment from Japan.

It is felt that the MITI pledge must be seen against the background of Japan's large multilateral trade surplus, and similar assurances could hardly be sought from European car makers.

Grenade find in raid worries Yard

By Craig Seton

The discovery of a hand grenade among arms and ammunition recovered after police raids yesterday has added a frightening new dimension to weapons being chosen by criminals, Scotland Yard believes.

A man was being interviewed by the police last night, and Scotland Yard's robbery squad said inquiries were continuing and further arrests were expected by today.

The raids, at Maidstone, Kent, and at Bexley and Sidcup, in south London, are understood to have followed an incident on Monday night when unarmed detectives stopped a man in Sidcup and found that his car contained a loaded revolver and rounds of ammunition. He had a loaded pistol in his pocket.

The Yard said police officers had recovered a self-loading .25 pistol, a .32 revolver, a 7.65 Mauser automatic, several component parts for automatic weapons, 700 rounds of ammunition, a hand grenade, which contained explosive but had no detonator, moulds and magazines for making bullets and 1 lb of black powder, which is being examined. A stolen mini car was also recovered.

Scotland Yard said there was no terrorist connexion with the arms finds and senior officers were satisfied that the weapons were for use in serious crimes and might have been intended for organized gangs.

Det Inspector Leonard Hart, of the robbery squad, said: "The discovery of the grenade is worrying us. It is bad enough when criminals are using the standard type of lethal weapon, but a grenade is really frightening. It is only one, but it could do a lot of damage."

The origin of the grenade was not known, but tests would be carried out on it and the other equipment discovered.

Commons goes on air next month

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

The BBCs regular live broadcasting of the Commons will begin on the day the House reconvenes after the Easter holiday, expected to be April 3.

It is likely that broadcasting will begin with question time from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, which that day falls to the Welsh.

Prime Minister's question time will go on the air the next day and on every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter on Radio 4 medium wave.

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sh Steel Corporation workers at East Moors plant in Cardiff may £20,000 each in redundancy pay is closed at the end of the year. than 3,300 jobs are at stake. Steel s have agreed in principle to the re provided compensation is satis- ry. Page 19

omen's day off

national Women's Day in Russia, every Soviet man is expected to is duty: Flowers, chocolate and me are never in greater demand. las, the women still usually cook oliday meal while the men drink nuch vodka Page 8

'The Times'

apologize to readers, advertisers, wholesale and retail newsagents, he shortfall in supplies of *The* s yesterday in some areas. That ue to an industrial dispute involv- embers of the Amalgamated Union gineering Workers

91 plotters against Mobutu rule held

Zaire has announced the arrest of 91 plotters against the rule of President Mobutu. The announcement, which gave the President as its source, revealed that 14 rebel leaders involved in another uprising had already been executed. The plotters have been promised a democratic trial Page 8

Start next year on British library

The Government intends to start construction of the £74m first stage of the new British Library building in Euston Road, London, next year. It will take 10 years to complete. The total project will not be finished until the end of the century, at an estimated cost of £164m Page 2

Thalidomide review

Sir Alan Marre, a former Ombudsman, is to undertake an independent review of the cases of about 80 young people who may have thalidomide compensation claims against the Distillers Company. Mr Jack Ashley, MP, suggested that the company should make extra funds available Page 4

State may extend pay clause ruling

Further discretionary measures against companies which exceed the 10 per cent *pay guideline are being considered* by the Government. Powers could include *sanctions against loans to* local authorities which offer contracts to companies *not prepared to give the same* undertakings as those required of government *contractors* Page 19

Green franc drops

EEC ministers of agriculture agreed to the granting of a pre-election bonus to French farmers, though not in the form requested by the French Government. The measures include a devaluation of the "green franc" by 1.2 per cent and an agreement to ban this month the border taxes and subsidies of French farm produce on the currency's average performance over three weeks instead of one Page 7

Football results last night

Blackpool 2, Notts County 2; Bolton 2, Sunderland 0; Fulham 1, Cardiff 0; Cambridge 2, Shrewsbury 0; Carlisle 0, Peterborough 0; Colchester 4, Portsmouth 0; Gillingham 1, Bury 4; Sheffield Wed 1, Chester 1; Swindon 0, Preston 2; Walsall 1, Plymouth 0; Halifax 0, Darlington 2

Hartlepool 3, Grimsby 1; Newport 1, Crewe 0; Scunthorpe 1, Barnsley 0; Southport 1, Doncaster 1; Swansea 0, Southend 0; Watford 1, Reading 0; York 0, Bournemouth 0; St Johnstone 0, Airdrieonians 1; Partick 2, Hibernian 1.

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Teachers' pay: Several local education authorities have indicated that they *would support an improved offer* by the management panel on the Burnham *Committee* 2

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HOME NEWS

Dublin rules out any change in refusal to extradite suspects

From Christopher Walker
Dublin

Senior Irish government sources last night flatly ruled out the possibility of any change in the republi's refusal to extradite suspected members of the Provisional IRA or to join Britain in signing the 1977 European Convention on Terrorism.

Political observers were left in no doubt that the acqusations on Monday in the Commons by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, about the southern origin of much seen since Fianna Fail power last July.

Although Irish Cabinet ministers have restrained their public comment ,against Mr Mason was detectable at every level of the Dublin administration. One close associate of Mr Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister, said: "We regard Mr Mason's House of Commons speech at buck-passing by a man in deep political trouble."

In Dublin, the government information service said that no shred of cvidence to support Mr Mason's allegations had been conveyed to the Irish authorities by the Royal Ulster Constabularly or anyone else in Northern Ireland or in Britain.

The government spokesman added: "In recent years arrangements for security co-operation between the authorities in both parts of the country have been put on a most effective basis, and the Government is satisfied that the structure for cooperation is efficient and effective."

In the present atmospitere of distrust between Dublin and London any immediate Anglo-Irish ministerial discussions are ruled out. It is felt that after Monday's debate a long period will be necessary before ministers can meet profitably to discuss cross-border security.

The Irish Government insists that it is prevented by artcle 29 of the republic's written constitution from changing its extradition procedures or signing the European convention. The argument rests on the assertion that it is a generally recognized principle of international law that extradition is not granted for political offences.

An Irish government official said that any change of extradition procedures along the lines demanded by British politicians would inevitably involve a national referendum. "Even if a referendum was called there is no guarantee that the result would go the way the British would like."

British officials repeatedly maintain that the law against fugitive offenders passed jointly by the two governments and introduced in June, 1976, is a poor substitute for straight extradition. Since its introduction difficulties of providing evidence and concern about its practicality have ensured its use only once.

One of the few tests of Anglo-Irish legal cooperation took place at Belfast City Commission last month when five men appeared on charges connected with the murder of Captain Robert Nairac, the British under-cover soldier, which was committed in the Irish Republic.

The trial was expected to be held under another piece of extraterritorial legislation, the Offences Against the Person Act, 1861, but after nearly five hours of legal confusion the proceedings had to be adjourned because the Dublin authorities refused to release vital exhibits, which they said would be needed at some unspecified date for the appeal of a man in the republic convicted on a similar charge.

The case strengthened senior British ministers' opinion that the present Irish Government, with its long republican traditions, lacks the will to carry its efforts against the IRA to the extent promised. The Dublin Government feels it is being used as a scapegoat by Mr Mason without specific facts.

Death penalty call: The Rev Roy Magee, an Ulster clergyman, yesterday criticized Mr Mason for refusing to bring back the death penalty for terrorists (the Press Association reports).

During the funeral service for Norma Spence, a civilian searcher shot last Friday, he called for reintroduction of internment without trial and a free hand to the Army for hunting down and shooting terrorists.

Thousands of students from Belfast marched to the City Hall yesterday in a silent protest against the murder of the woman and a young soldier during a rag day celebration last Friday.

Dependants of the La Mon House restaurant fire bomb victims will soon receive initial payments of £500, the appeal fund organizers have decided. Twelve people were killed and 22 injured at the restaurant near Comber, co Down, three weeks ago.

Tories back involvement of workers in management

By Our Political Editor

A future Conservative government would "seek to assist far greater involvement" by employees in industrial management, Mr James Prior, party spokesman on employment, re-asserted yesterday.

He opposed as "disastrous" any attempt to impose a single system of employee participation and objected to the Government's aim of channelling such participation solely through the unions.

"Of course we must move towards far greater employee involvement", Mr Prior said in a speech at Maidstone, Kent. "Greater involvement not only makes work far more rewarding but in the longer run it also has a vital role to play in gradually breaking down the old attitudes of conflict and hostility in our industries and indeed throughout society generally."

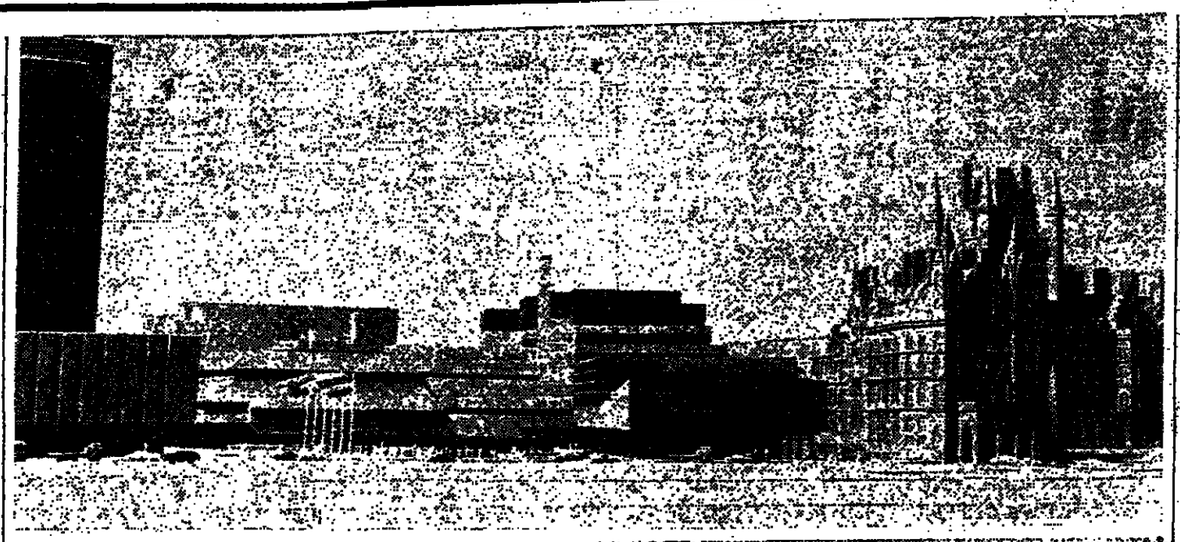
Mr Prior said that that could be true only if "all employees are properly represented. It will be no good at all if we simply create different classes of employees in the workplace".

"Crusade" against crime: Mr Edward Taylor, opposition spokesman on Scotland, last night promised a "crusade" against crime if the Conservatives were returned to power. He was sure there had been a change of heart in the Commons in favour of restoring capital punishment.

Mr Taylor said in remarks prepared for a Conservative meeting at Ince, Lancashire, that the increase in violence and vandalism "is making life hell for many law-abiding citizens, particularly the elderly."

He suggested that more than poor pay was at the root of police resignations. "Many are leaving because they are fed up to the teeth over the treatment and punishment of offenders."

The country would never overcome the problem "unless we can strike fear into the hearts of potential offenders."



£164m library scheme to start next year

By John Young
Planning Reporter

Construction of the first stage of the new British Library, in Euston Road, London, is expected to start next year, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told the Commons yesterday.

The building will take about 10 years to complete and will cost an estimated £74m at June, 1977, prices. Assuming that the second and third stages are approved by future governments, the total project will not be finished until the end of the century, at an estimated cost of £164m.

However, Mrs Williams pointed out that those figures were gross costs and did not take into account savings from giving up storage space in buildings at present scattered all over London.

Lord Eccles, chairman of the British Library Board, said he believed that the new library would be one of the very few outstanding buildings erected in London in this century.

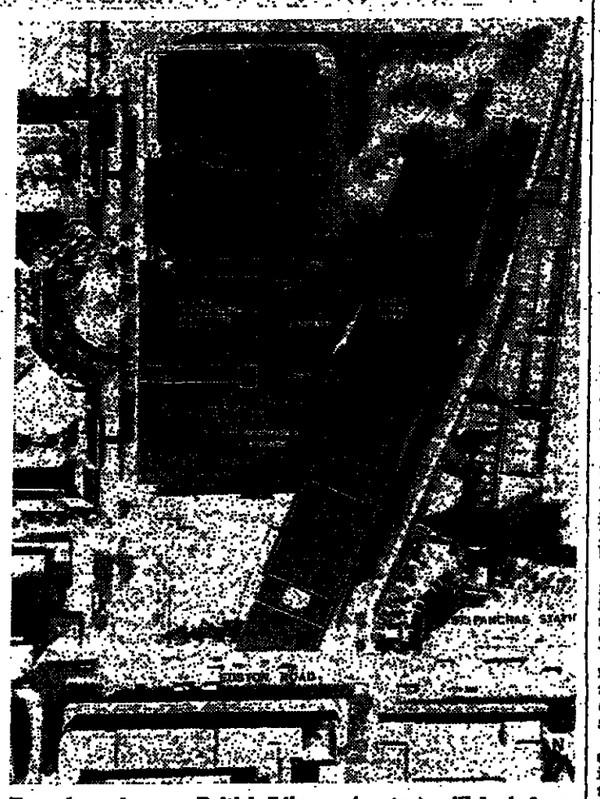
"For the first time the humanities and sciences will be united in the same building", he added. "In ten or twenty years' time we are going to have easily the best library in Europe, and very possibly in the world."

The site covers nearly ten acres, formerly occupied by the St Pancras goods depot; the frontage on Euston Road lies between St Pancras station and the Shaw theatre. It was finally selected in 1975, after the Government had rejected an earlier plan to redevelop a site in Bloomsbury opposite the British Museum.

Since then the scheme has been delayed by planning formalities and by general restrictions on public spending. Outline planning permission has now been obtained from Camde council, and it is expected that the details will present no great difficulties.

The completed project is designed to provide about three times the total present combined facilities of the British Museum Reading Room and other government reference libraries. There will be space for about 3,500 readers, 2,500 staff and 25 million books.

The building will be set back from the road and, although constructed in reinforced concrete, will be faced in red brick with slate roofs, intened to harmonize with the facade of St Pancras station, which is shortly to be cleaned and restored. The architects are Colin St John Wilson and Partners.



Top: how the new British Library (centre) will look from Euston Road. Bottom: a site plan.

400 a year use college counselling service

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

About four hundred people this year, three quarters of them undergraduates, are using the psychological counselling service at Birmingham University, it was disclosed yesterday.

Birmingham has more than 8,000 students, and the service started five years ago. The remaining quarter who seek help are postgraduates, staff and their families.

Mrs Helen Veasey, a clinical psychologist, who is the only full-time counsellor, said men and women used the service in equal numbers. Many students were advised by tutors to use it.

"Some typical reasons for seeking help", she said, "are anxiety and self-consciousness at social events; fear of criticism and rejection; poor concentration when studying; difficulty in settling to work, and meeting deadlines despite good intentions; panic attacks in examinations; inadequacy and frustration at not having a girl or boy friend; and general confusion and depression.

"A few students find temporary relief by avoiding their tutors and departments, and may be by seeking solace in alcohol, eating binges, or staying in bed. The early provision of practical help can prevent the development of serious psychological and medical problems."

Group treatments in which trainees from the university department of psychology and the department of educational inquiry at Aston University, Birmingham, took part, were being used more often.

"Relaxation training in groups is particularly helpful for reducing social anxiety, tension-induced headaches, and digestive problems", Mrs Veasey said. "Practice in readning aloud and speaking to a small friendly group improves confidence in tutorials and seminars.

"It is hoped that polit wrt on study skills can be expanded in future along with a group treatment for preventing procrastination."

Tutors were frequently very effective at calming distressed students. Last summer lecturers within two large departments took greater responsibility for supervising students suffering from acute examination panic.

Month's ban on Michael Reid

Michael Reid, entertainer, of Hatfield Peveral, Essex, was disqualified from driving for only a month by magistrates at Maidenhead, Berkshire, yesterday, after it had been stated that a long ban would cause extreme hardship in his career.

Mr Reid pleaded guilty to driving at 86 mph on the M4.

Mortgage cut warning by estate agents

By Margaret Stone

Estate agents predict a catastrophic effect on the housing market if the Government restricts the supply of mortgage funds.

"To reduce the mortgage supply now will have completely the opposite effect to that intended, and in the long term will only cause a further dramatic rise in house prices", Mr Julian Markham, president of the Incorporaed Society of Valurs and Auctioneers, said yesterday.

He was commenting on reports from the society's 8,000 members that there are not enough properties for the number of prospective purchasers.

Mr Markham said a stable housing market, with supply more comparable with demand, could happen only if the Government gave positive inducements to builders.

He called for the abolition of the Community Land Act and a reduction in the development land tax to help builders.

Civil servants may protest about pay cut-off

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Senior civil servants are being invited to condemn the "continued and unjustified" deferment of increments arising from the £8,500 cut-off under phase one of the pay restraint policy.

The protest forms part of a motion to be recommended by the executive of the Association of First Division Civil Servants at its conference in May.

The motion deplores the "unjustified" delay in paying the second stage of the 1974 Boyle award, which recommended big pay rises, part of which were never paid because of the income policy. The motion insists that the outstanding amount should be paid without delay.

Leaders of counter staff in job centres and local employment offices are threatening to slow the introduction of the Government's youth opportunities programme unless more workers are employed.

Officials of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) are meeting the Manpower Service Commission on Monday to demand the recruitment of 250 more staff. So far they have been offered 95 more.

Mr Terence Ainsworth, CPSA section secretary for the Department of Employment, said they were understaffed by 500 people and the new work would increase the burden.

If necessary, he said, members would be advised by the union on work that would have to be put aside, which might mean a delay in implementing fully the youth opportunities programme, due to be fully operational in September.

Pilgrims 'forced to share beds with strangers'

Monks and priests on a pilgrimage to Rome were hearded into double rooms and some had to share beds with strangers, it was stated at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London, yesterday, when a London travel agency and one of its directors were accused of recklessly making false statements.

The Westminster Touring Association Ltd, of Parliament Street, Whitehall, and Percy Soulsby, aged 65, a director, of Wimborne Avenue, Hayes, denied the charge.

Mr Douglas Day, for the prosecution, said the 153 pilgrims included brothers from the Carmelite priory in Kensington. They had received brochures advertising a pilgrimage to Rome for Holy Year. But when they arrived one of the pensions was cancelled and the other two were too small.

The pilgrims sat on suitcases in the foyers of the pensions while their leader, Father Ignatius McDonnell, tried to sort out where they should go and who should room with whom. Those who wanted single rooms ended up herded into double rooms with makeshift beds; others shared double beds with strangers.

"One could almost see 'Carry On Courier'—not the way for pilgrims to carry on at all", Mr Day said.

Father McDonnell said he paid the travel agency £2,481 for 145 people plus eight free places.

The hearing continues today.

Call to rebuke Welsh JP for 'disloyalty'

From Our Correspondent
Merthyr Tydfil

The Lord Chancellor is being asked to reprimand a Welsh nationalist magistrate who refused to stand for the loyal toast at a dinner but later honoured the Emperor of Japan.

Mrs Pat Moran, aged 32, a member of the Plaid Cymru-controlled council at Merthyr Tydfil, Mid-Glamorgan, attended the dinner given for the Japanese Ambassador, who had opened an industrial estate in the town.

Mrs Mona Shankland, a senior Labour councillor, who made the complaint, said: "I hope the Lord Chancellor will warn her about such conduct in the future."

Mrs Moran said: "I stand by my allegiance to the Queen and by the oath I took as a magistrate. I feel, though, that the monarchy and their hangers-on get too much money." She said she had not wanted to insult the ambassador.

Cigarette sales show decline of 3½ per cent

By Patricia Tisdall

Cigarette sales in Britain fell 3½ per cent last year compared with the year before, figures released by the Tobacco Advisory Committee yesterday sumed, at 197.8m lb manufactured weight, was the lowest for 25 years.

Pipe and hand-rolling tobaccos also became less popular and sales of cigarillos plummeted by 17 per cent.

Consumption of cigars fell from 1,580 million to 1,570 million, but snuff remained steady at 0.3m lb manufactured weight of tobacco.

Labour manifesto may seek blood sports ban

By Our Political Staff

Abolition of all blood sports is likely to be included in the next Labour Party election manifesto. If it is, for the first time in history a Labour government, if returned, would be committed to introduce legislation on hare coursing and fox hunting.

That is the likely consequence of a unanimous decision of the home policy committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, on Monday. It is to ask Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the party, to invite evidence from all the anti-blood sports organizations "with a view to preparing a major policy document" for approval at the next annual party conference.

In the past Labour and Conservative governments have taken the line that changes in the law on blood sports should be made by private members' Bills, although the last Bill on hare coursing was assisted by the Government in the provision of parliamentary time.

Conservative leaders yesterday viewed with equanimity the prospect of blood sports coming into the election battle. They thought that quite as many votes might be lost for Labour among supporters of hunting and coursing as those gained among people opposed to those pursuits.

Mr Foot rules out PLR Bill

A public lending right for authors will not be the subject of another government Bill until the next Parliament, Mr Foot, Leader of the Commons, disclosed yesterday.

He stated in a letter to Mr Norman St John-Stevas, opposition spokesman on education, that "pressure of parliamentary business" prevented it, and there was every indication that opponents of ULR would be "just as obstructive" as before.

Teachers' claim moderate, education chief says

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Sir Ashley Bramall, who resigned on Monday as leader of the management side of the Burnham Committee, the national negotiating body for teachers' pay, said yesterday that in view of "the moderate nature" of the teachers' 12½ per cent claim he still hoped that a settlement could be reached within the framework of the Government's pay guidelines.

Sir Ashley, who is leader of the Inner London Education Authority, told a meeting of the authority's education committee that he could understand teachers' anger at the attitude of the management.

He said: "In my view, the majority on the management panel took a highly restrictive view of what was permissible within the government guidelines".

The National Union of Teachers has called on its 558 local associations in England and Wales to withdraw from voluntary non-teaching activities in protect against the employers' pay offer of 9 per cent plus a further 1 per cent for anomalies. The dispute has been referred to arbitration.

Five local education authorities have indicated that they would support an improved pay offer for the teachers. Teachers in Wolverhampton and Sandwell decided to drop their plans for sanctions after those authorities had said they supported a 10 per cent rise for teachers. Leeds is also backing a 10 per cent settlement; Walsall and Lancashire have made more general statements of support.

The union reported last night that it had so far heard from 110 associations that planned to start operating sanctions before the end of this week.

Member of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, which together with the NUT represents about 350,000 of the 470,000 teachers in England and Wales, are due to start imposing similar sanctions on Monday.

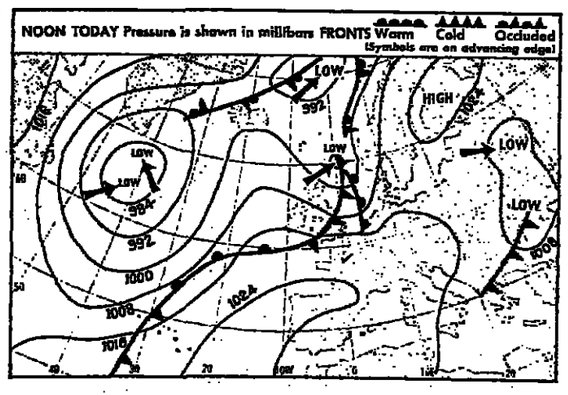
Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT and leader of the teachers' panel on the Burnham Committee, said last night: "Since Sir Ashley regards our claim as t moderate one I naturally hope that view will now be shared by the rest of the management panel and that they willb e ready to depart substantially from the rigid position they took up last Monday."

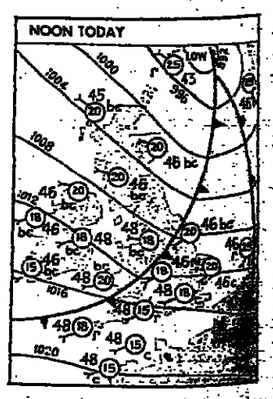
Coin hoard was under floor

A couple who bought a cottage for £7,000 have found a cask of gold coins valued at £27,000 under the brick floor. A coronrr has ruled that the coins, found at Yewtree Cottage, at Birdbrook, Essex, remain the property of the finders. Mr and Mrs Michael Wrintmore.

But Mrs Nelly Ferne, aged 76, who left the cottage four months ago to live at Titchfield, Hampshire, near her son, says the coins were buried by her husband, who died in 1965. They had been given to him by his grandmother. "I don't have the money to carry the fight to the civil courts", she says.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.31 am Sun sets: 5.58 pm
Moon rises: 6.2 am Moon sets: 5.24 pm
New moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 6.23 pm to 5.59 am.

High water: London Bridge, 12.57 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 1.27 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft). Avonmouth, 6.41 am, 13.6m (44.7ft); 7.5 pm, 13.6m (44.8ft). Dover, 10.26 am, 6.7m (21.8ft); 10.49 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft). Hull, 5.34 am, 7.3m (23.9ft); 5.44 pm, 7.5m (24.6ft). Liverpool, 10.38 am, 9.5m (31.3ft); 11.4 pm, 9.4m (30.8ft).

A depression near N Scotland will move E, with an associated trough crossing the British Isles from NW.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, E Midlands, SE and central S England, Channel Islands: Cloudy, occasional rain, dry and brighter later; wind SW veering NW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

W Midlands, E, SW, NW, NE and central N England, Wales: Occasional rain, hill fog, becoming mainly dry, sunny spells; wind SW veering NW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Argyll, SW Scotland, N Ireland, Isle of Man: Rain and hill fog at first, becoming mainly dry with sunny spells; wind SW veering NW, fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney: Rain in places at first, then sunny intervals and isolated showers; wind W veering NW, strong, moderating later; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Shetland: Rain and hill fog at first, sunny intervals and showers later; wind S, veering NW, strong to gale; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry at first with sunny spells, but occasional rain will extend to N and W, areas; becoming milder but some overnight frost and fob patches.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind S or SW fresh or strong veering NW; sea moderate.

English Channel (E): Wind W fresh; sea moderate.

St George's Channel: Wind SW to W fresh or strong veering W or NW; sea rough, becoming moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind NW fresh to strong; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13°C (55°F); min. 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 30 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 7.3hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,020.5 millibars, steady.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Aberdeen	r	10	50	Cardiff	r	7	45	Lisbon	s	17	63
Algiers	c	14	57	Cologne	c	6	43	Locarno	s	12	54
Amsterdam	c	7	45	Copenhagen	c	6	43	London	s	11	52
Athens	c	17	63	Dublin	c	10	50	Luxemburg	s	8	46
Barcelona	s	14	57	Edinburgh	c	10	50	Madrid	s	12	54
Belfast	r	10	50	Florence	c	13	55	Majorca	c	15	59
Belfast	c	9	48	Geneva	f	9	48	Malaga	s	16	61
Berlin	c	6	43	Gibraltar	f	17	63	Malta	c	21	70
Biarritz	s	11	52	Guernsey	c	9	48	Manchester	c	9	48
Birmingham	c	9	48	Helsinki	c	4	39	Moscow	sn	-1	30
Bristol	c	7	45	Jersey	c	9	48	Munich	c	5	41
Brussels	s	8	46	L Palmas	c	18	64	Naples	s	16	61
Budapest	c	5	41					Nice	s	17	63
								Oslo	c	0	32
								Paris	s	8	46
								Reykjavik	c	5	41
								Rome	r	10	50
								Salzburg	c	8	46
								Sochi	c	2	36
								Tel Aviv	s	21	70
								Venice	r	11	52
								Vienna	c	3	37
								Warsaw	c	4	39
								Zurich	c	3	37

Overseas selling prices: Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Fr 25; Canaries, Pes 90; Denmark, Kr 3.50; Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Fr 1.50; Germany, Dmk 2.50; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 2.00; Hongkong, $1.00; Italy, Lire 700; Lebanon, L£ 22; Madeira, Esc 22.50; Malta, 12p; Norway, Kr 3.00; Portugal, Esc 25; Spain, Pes 90; Sweden, Kr 3.00; Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; USA, Canada $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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Stonor family return to historic home

By Philip Howard

Common-sense has prevailed, and Stonors are returning to live at Stonor Park, in Oxfordshire, their family home since before the Norman Conquest.

Since the sixth Lord Camoys died two years ago family disagreement and taxes have made it seem likely that yet another piece of English heritage was going to slip abroad or into corporate ownership. Yesterday, two days before the deadline for purposes of capital transfer tax, agreement was reached and registered in court. Lord Camoys and his family are to move into Stonor Park and open it to the public.

Lord Camoys, a banker in the City, said: "We shall move in later this year after essential repairs and refurnishings. It is tremendously exciting personally and historically that such an old story is to continue, especially when so many other old family homes are being sold and broken up."

Stonor Park was there before the Conquest. The present buildings are part medieval, part Tudor, part eighteenth century. The house was recently restored at great cost, borne jointly by members of the Stonor family, the Exchequer, and the Historic Buildings Council.

It is of particular interest to Roman Catholics, since the house played a significant role in recusant history. Edmund Campion and other English martyrs were hidden there in the sixteenth century. The paintings, books, and manuscripts kept in the house are interlinked with the fortunes of the Roman Catholic church in England.

No other home in England, not even Windsor Castle, has been so long in continuous occupation by one family.

Scots Glyndebourne: Haddo House, the eighteenth century home of the fifth Lord of Aberdeen and Temair, has been bought for the National Trust for £365,000, Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, announced yesterday (the Press Association reports).

The house, in Methlick, 20 miles from Aberdeen, will be open to the public, and the grounds used as a country park. Known as the "Glyndebourne of Scotland", it has become a musical and drama centre through the enthusiasm of Lady Aberdeen, widow of the fourth marquess.

Time to put the record straight

To: Rt. Hon. Edmund Dell, M.P., Secretary of State for Trade.

Mr. Dell, we are representatives of family Datsun garage businesses all over the country, in which we have invested everything we own and which employ around 18,000 British people.

We are speaking out now, Mr. Dell, because our livelihood, the jobs of our employees, and those of many thousands of other workers employed producing components and spare parts for us are threatened by the long and persistent campaign against car imports from Japan.

Many statements have been made with incorrect "facts" and assumptions that make the Japanese appear responsible for all the troubles of the British motor industry and, indeed, of our economy.

We wonder in fact whether this campaign against Japan really has the interests of the British economy or British Leyland at heart, or is of help in furthering British exports to Japan.

We understand the concern about the huge investment of public money in British Leyland, but we cannot see how their problems, which started long before the first Japanese car was imported, will be helped more by attacking Japanese car imports than other car imports, which are more than three times greater.

Whether the Japanese share is 10% of the U.K. market for which you are fighting or remains at 10.6% or even 11% will have as much effect in curing Leylands problems as an aspirin in curing pneumonia.

A look at the facts

Because of repeated T.V. interviews and statements reported in newspapers over a long period, together with inaccurate information which is circulating about the import of Japanese cars to the U.K., we, as Datsun Dealers, with our livelihood at stake, felt it necessary to investigate the facts and the importance of this problem for Britain. We have come to the puzzling conclusion that:

* **Total imports to Britain from Japan—of cars, T.V's, cameras, everything—account for only 3% of our total import bill... yet there appears to be more concern about them than the other 97%.**
* **The cost of *all* Japanese cars brought into Britain is only 0.7% of our total import bill and cannot in any way be responsible for our trade problems.**
* **Only 23% of all imported cars come from Japan... yet it is never suggested that the other 77% of imported cars are "threatening" the British car industry.**

You will be aware that in the past two years the market share of Japanese cars in Britain has increased by only 1.57% and yet total imports have gone up by 12.15%. Is it fair to suggest that growth by 1.57% is a "soaring" increase, while 10.58% extra from France, Germany, Italy, etc. is not? Can it be overlooked that last year Fiat of Italy alone increased its car sales to Britain by 17,420, almost as much as all *five* Japanese car importers put together.

We have read and heard many times that a "flood" or "blizzard" of Japanese cars into Britain is threatening to destroy the British car industry, but such statements have no basis in fact. The official statistics are:

Registrations in the U.K. in 1977

Total Imports	600,577	(45.38%)
Japan	140,415	(10.61%)
E.E.C. & Others	460,162	(34.77%)

Could anyone suggest that our level of mathematics s such that we see 34.77% as a trickle and not worth mentioning, nd 10.61% as a "flood"?

It has been suggested that because Japanese cars ccounted for 13% of the U.K. market in January that this ndicates a trend of great concern. Even a superficial study of he car market shows that one cannot judge a year's statistics n one month alone, or even two, because of fluctuations in lemand, availability, price changes, seasonal factors, and so on. The level can be 6% in one month and 14% in another. It is the verage for the year that counts. It is because such elementary acts are circumvented that misleading conclusions are egularly, if not intentionally, formed and published.

Would Leyland benefit?

We wonder too if Leyland would benefit by car mports from Japan being reduced.

Importers from Europe are not running charity rganisations for the benefit of Leyland as they have shown so ften in the past. Each time in the last three years that Datsun Dealers have voluntarily restricted sales, European importers ave leapt into the vacuum.

In December last year, when Datsun voluntarily estricted sales to 2% of the market, and angered many ustomers, the Japanese share of the market fell by 4% *but total nports stayed the same at around 45%*. Leyland gained nothing om our gesture, their market share in fact dropping half a per ent, while other importers were happy to take advantage of atsun's virtual absence from the market. A similar situation ccurred during August and September—when Datsun cut ack on sales, Fiat, Renault, V.W. and others increased their market share substantially. On *both* occasions, British Leyland's share dropped instead of improving.

We would not like the examples we have given to be interpreted in any way as a suggestion that we would like other importers to face restrictions, even accepting that Fiat has announced that it plans to increase its sales to 90,000 next year, an increase of 36%.

To reduce Japanese car sales in this way protects the jobs of French, Italian and German workers, but not those of British Leyland workers.

Would it not be more helpful if the 134,286 cars built abroad last year and sold here as "British" Allegros, Escorts, Capris, Granadas, Vauxhall Cavaliers etc. (a total almost the same as all Japanese imports) had been built in Britain? *The Times* reports that only 67% of Vauxhalls sold in Britain are really British and 75% of Fords. Latest statistics for January and February show that even these figures are dropping to 62% of Vauxhalls and 72% of Fords.

Selling cars to Japan

In your remarks on television on Thursday February 23rd, when you were asked about 500 Leyland cars for which Leyland Japan have been waiting for some months you replied:

"Don't let anyone imagine that it is easy to sell motor cars in Japan. If you look at the figures, not just of our exports of motor cars to Japan, but the exports by Germany and other motor car manufacturers to Japan, you will see that it is very difficult to sell motor cars in Japan."

We have looked at the exports by Germany to Japan, and we see that in 1976 alone they sold 21.176 V.W's. Audi's. Mercedes, BMW's and the like to Japan at an estimated value of over £100 million. That number of cars was *higher* than Britain's exports to the "easy" markets of car producing countries such as Germany, France and Italy in either 1976 or 1977 as you will see from the statistics below. So perhaps the low number of British cars exported to Japan has something also to do with the British side?

Japan has deliberately been making it easier for countries with which she has a trade surplus to export their goods to Japan. This year, while Britain retains 11% Import Duty on all Japanese cars sold here. Japan is lifting this "barrier" and will impose no duty at all on British cars exported there. She has also already given Britain's car exporters two extra years to meet exhaust emission regulations which are strictly imposed on Japanese manufacturers in their own country. They have even satisfied the complaint that their regulations were difficult to follow, by producing them in *English* for the benefit of companies like British Leyland. Are British regulations translated into Japanese? No.

On many occasions, Nissan has offered shipping facilities to British Leyland and the use of Datsun dealerships in Japan to service Leyland cars, but the offers have not been accepted.

Department of Trade statistics show that in other car producing countries, British cars are not selling very well and that surely is not the fault of the Japanese. We wonder why Japan is singled out with accusations about the difficulties of selling, if our car sales to other car-producing countries are not *much* better.

U.K. Imports/Exports Passenger Cars by Quantity

	1976			1977		
Country	Exports	Imports	U.K. Deficit	Exports	Imports	U.K. Deficit
W. Germany	14,392	108,123	— 93,731	13,809	174,747	—160,938
France	12,815	131,336	—118,521	14,989	148,290	—133,301
Italy	6,175	64,083	— 57,908	9,787	88,442	— 78,655
Bel/Lux	17,071	44,713	— 27,642	10,863	59,917	— 49,054
Total E.E.C.	129,006	361,710	—232,704	131,376	483,364	—351,988
Sweden	4,283	24,645	— 20,362	4,941	21,574	— 16,633
E. Europe	2,638	20,292	— 17,654	1,831	26,886	— 25,055
Japan	896	129,788	—128,892	2,172	166,694	—164,522

U.K. Imports/Exports Passenger Cars by Value (£'000)

	£	£	£	£	£	£
W. Germany	30,819	249,841	—219,022	38,216	434,641	—396,425
France	25,852	207,525	—181,673	34,259	265,648	—231,389
Italy	9,077	88,807	— 79,730	17,271	144,799	—127,528
Bel/Lux	23,179	74,799	—51,620	23,355	115,905	— 92,550
Total E.E.C.	171,287	643,313	—472,026	232,561	981,793	—749,232
Sweden	6,175	68,530	— 62,355	8,862	65,481	— 56,619
E. Europe	2,891	14,266	— 11,375	2,723	23,118	— 20,395
Japan	4,179	159,533	—155,354	8,804	248,495	—239,691

Trading with the World

We accept that Japanese imports to Britain are growing—but so are British exports to Japan of many products. In fact, it is one of our fastest growing export markets and must be cultivated. It is true that our visible trade deficit with Japan is £596 million, but, as the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Trade, Mr. Michael Meacher, has said, our surplus on invisibles cuts that to around half that figure.

Our visible deficit with the Common Market was around £2,000 million, and would have been £550 million higher but for our export of crude oil. Our deficit with West Germany alone on visible trade was £1073 million, with Italy it was £553 million and with France £512 million. We also have deficits of £580 million with America, £520 million with Saudi Arabia, £510 million with Canada, £430 million with Russia (apart from their credit-free loan) £300 million with South Africa, and so on.

There is undoubtedly scope for improvement to increase our exports to Japan... but so there is in many other markets.

The media coverage given to the deficit with Japan, totally ignoring similar or higher deficits with other countries, suggests a striking bias.

The role of the S.M.M.T.

It has been suggested many times that the Japanese have "broken" a voluntary agreement about the level of their car sales in Britain in 1976 and 1977.

The S.M.M.T., who have conducted the negotiations and are best qualified to know, have never accused the Japanese in this way and have stated through their President that the Japanese, in contrast, have "shown sense during the British industry's period of reconstruction."

We consider it incorrect that the S.M.M.T., which is a private organisation to support the interests of the motor industry as a whole, including manufacturers, importers and their dealers, should be instructed to obtain discriminatory restrictions from Japan against the policy and interests of their members. Including all importers and the major companies such as Ford, Vauxhall and Chrysler, who have stated that they are against import restrictions. The recent conversion of British Leyland and Mr. Michael Edwardes is easy to understand and not so significant.

We would recall the comment of *New Statesman* on February 17th 1978:

"Not only are import controls an insular—almost at times chauvinist—policy, they also involve a real danger of masking the actual problem and suggesting a false solution."

No unilateral discrimination

We are not asking for special treatment, Mr. Dell. just for fair play and for our right as ordinary British people to be protected from unilateral discrimination. We have to defend our employees and our livelihood.

We are also anxious to see the British motor industry improve its situation for the good of the country and to provide a healthy U.K. car market, but we see only that this present campaign against the Japanese in isolation makes them a scapegoat in a way that threatens our livelihood and the jobs of our employees, without creating any benefit at all for British Leyland or the country. Ignoring the facts doesn't make them disappear.

We do not intend to take advantage of the present Leyland difficulties, but neither can we accept to be accused and pilloried, if our market share varies by decimal points. In fact, we are amazed at the level of approach to the car import/export situation, where a small decimal increase by Japanese cars in the U.K. is given more prominence than a major earthquake.

Such an increase matters not a ha'penny to Leyland or the British economy—what matters is the *value* of cars imported and the *employment* they represent.

In the same way that you cannot compare the material and labour content of a Mini with that of a Jaguar, neither can you compare a small Datsun with a Mercedes or BMW. So a judgement based on numbers alone may appeal to emotion, but not to reason, for it does not bear relation to economic reality, either for the U.K. economy or for Leyland.

We would not feel it fair for an accusing finger to be pointed at us if sales increase by decimal points because we have to cover the soaring costs of inflation to avoid bankruptcy for some of us, or putting workers on the dole. What is fair for one is fair for another.

For these reasons we ask you to look again at the situation in depth, so that the Press and public can see the problem in its true light and in proportion to its significance.

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HOME NEWS

Former Ombudsman to hold inquiry into 80 thalidomide claims

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

Sir Alan Marre, the former Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) has been appointed to undertake an independent review of the cases of about eighty young people who may have compensation claims against the Distillers Company Ltd, as a result of the use of thalidomide, Mr Morris, Under-Secretary of State (Disabled), announced yesterday.

The company has already agreed to compensate 338 children who were accepted by the company as thalidomide children. At the date of that settlement there were 97 children who were not, on the information then available, accepted as disabled by thalidomide.

Since then 19 of those children have been accepted by the company as victims of the drug. Sir Alan's job will be to consider what further steps may be equitable and reasonable for the company to take for the remaining children, and to make recommendations.

Welcoming Sir Alan's appointment, Mr Robin Cater, chairman of the company, said that they had done their best to accept and be fair to those children. "However, our inability to do so in many cases on the information supplied to us has been misunderstood and for this reason in particular we feel that impartial consideration of the matter by a figure of accepted independence and high public standing was called for", he said.

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, who led a campaign for compensation, said yesterday that because of the unique tragedy of thalidomide only an imaginative solution would be satisfactory. Although he welcomed the inquiry, he thought that Sir Alan should assess the claims on the basis of whether there was any possibility, as distinct from probability, that there might have been damage by thalidomide.

In view of the inherent difficulties in producing definite proof of drug damage the children should be given the benefit of any possible doubt. The Distillers Company should make extra funds available to provide for any child whose claim was accepted.

Sir Alan's appointment is the outcome of discussions chaired by Mr Morris with Mr Cater and Dr Gerard Vaughan, MP, chairman of the medical panel that has examined claims. Dr Vaughan said the appointment would speed completion of outstanding claims and should clear any doubts about settlements.

Representations to Sir Alan may be made to: Mr T. G. Stevens, Department of Health and Social Security, Room 835, Euston Tower, 286 Euston Road, London, NW1.



Mr Burke at the London headquarters of Friends of the Earth, which has 7,500 registered supporters and an annual budget of £90,000.

Environmentalists undaunted by apparent defeat

Friends of the Earth will fight on

By Ian Bradley

The telephones at the cramped Soho headquarters of the Friends of the Earth in London were ringing continuously yesterday with anxious inquiries about the Windscale project. Surely there must be some catch, most callers asked, about a scheme where the Japanese would pay us so much just to reprocess their waste?

Although Mr Justice Parker's report published in *The Times* yesterday, went against them, the Windscale inquiry has certainly put Friends of the Earth firmly in the public eye. The inquiry was the biggest single project they have been involved in. To present their case they rented a semi-detached house in Cumbria for three months and hired two counsel. To meet their costs they have so far raised £50,000 in an appeal, £10,000 of which came as a single donation from Sir James Goldsmith, the financier.

Sir James, whose brother, Edward, is a well known environmentalist, was concerned that the case against Windscale should be put at the inquiry and raised a total of £25,000 to help groups opposing the plant.

Friends of the Earth say they are "committed to the conservation, restoration and rational use o fthe ecosphere". They were set up in 1970 as a sister organization of the American Friends of the Earth and there are now groups in 16 countries.

In Britain there are 7,500 registered supporters and 210 local groups, engaged in recycling paper, providing allotments and insulating homes. There is a staff of 20 at head office, with eight others employed full time by local groups and five in the charitable subsidiary, Earth Resources Research.

The budget for the coming financial year will be £90,000. Nearly half the revenue comes from supporters' fees and small donations, and a further third from the sale of publications, T-shirts, and recycled paper. The rest comes from special promotions and large donations, including some from industry.

Energy is only one of their main areas of interest. The others are transport policy, wildlife and world resources. Mr Tom Burke, executive director, emphasizes that all those areas are equally important, although he sees energy policy as tactically and politically the most advantageous field at present.

Undaunted by their apparent defeat at the inquiry Friends of the Earth are producing a detailed critique of the Parker report, lobbying MPs, and organizing a demonstration in London on March 29.

They contend that the project is not only dangerous but unnecessary. They see no need for nuclear energy. Instead, they advocate conservation technologies and coal as a bridge to an energy system based largely on solar power.

Their showing at the Windscale inquiry, where they impressed many experts with their technical argument and expertise, may have helped them to dispel the "brown bread and sandals" image that still surrounds their activities.

Mr Burke says they are gaining more middle-aged supporters. He sees them continuing as a campaigning pressure group, involved in politics without following the French environmentalists in direct attempts to gain election to Parliament. He is encouraged by the way ideas they floated a few years ago have been taken up generally and by the way the media and political parties have jumped on to the environmental bandwagon.

Increasingly, he believes, pressure groups with interests in the environment, peace, development and urban action will come together to form a powerful extra-parliamentary lobby. As a first step Friends of the Earth are opening a bookshop in London next month with the National Council for Social Service, the National Council for Civil Liberties and Inter-Action.

Chemist asked man on bail to hide £11,000 for him, Crown says

From Stewart Tendler
Bristol

While awaiting trail on a charge of making and supplying LSD, Richard Kemp, a chemist, asked another defendant, who was given bail, to hide £11,000 for him, the prosecution said at Bristol Crown Court yesterday. Mr Kemp intended to use part of the money to pay for his defence if he failed to get legal aid, it was stated.

The money was recovered last week. Mr Kemp and 16 other people are to be sentenced today for their part in three conspiracies to make and supply LSD between 1970 and 1977.

After the last plea of mitigation had been heard yesterday Mr Kemp and three others were taken back to court. Mr Justice Park was asked by the Crown to make an order of forfeiture for the £11,000.

Mr John Bull, for the prosecution, said the money was the final seizure in Operation Julie, the large-scale police operation last year that led to the trials.

Mr Bull said the money had been recovered after Dr Mark Tcharny, another of the defendants, had told the police that £16,000 had been given to him for the sale of LSD tablets exported to Holland, and the money was intended for Mr Kemp, who had made the LSD.

Mr Kemp hid the money with the assistance of a girl. Last September, when Dr Tcharny was given bail, Mr Kemp asked him to retrieve the cash. A message was passed by Mr Kemp from prison to the girl, and she gave the money to Dr Tcharny.

Counsel said Dr Tcharny divided the cash, leaving more than £3,000 with friends. That cash was intended to be for Mr Kemp's defence, but he was given legal aid.

The police found the money in a bedside table at Dr Tcharny's home, he added. A further £600 was found last Saturday, and more than £7,000 in Dutch guilders was found hidden beneath a boulder by a stream.

Making the orders for forfeiture, Mr Justice Park said that because the pleas of mitigation had been completed he did not intend to allow the discovery of the money to effect his decision on sentencing.

It was the last evidence to be heard in a series of trials that began in January and have unravelled details of secret laboratories and supply routes providing millions of LSD doses for illegal markets in Britain and abroad.

Between 1970 and 1973 Mr Kemp, a brilliant chemist, who was said to have abandoned a research docterate to make LSD, worked with David Solomon, an American author, and Henry Todd, to buy in Europe the basic raw materials for LSD under cover of false companies, and then make the drug in Britain.

The group split up, and Mr Todd, using another chemist, set up a laboratory in London. The other two men and Mr Kemp's lover, Miss Christine Bott, Mr Kemp, went into their own LSD production and supply based on a laboratory in an old mansion in Wales.

In 1977, after more than a year of investigation and surveillance by 26 members of Operation Julie, 800 policemen in raids across Britain closed the laboratories and supply routes.

Fears over population decrease discounted

By a Staff Reporter

Britain should welcome the fall in the birth rate because it will help to settle many social and economic difficulties, Professor Bernard Benjamin, former chief population statistician at the General Register Office, says in a pamphlet published yesterday.

Many commentators were predicting that the fall in the rate would have dire consequences, he told a conference to launch the publication yesterday.

"Some people wonder whether their population will become extinct; whether the fall will allow people of a different colour to breed themselves into a majority and whether there will be a difficult age-dependency ratio", he said. "I found these fears were groundless".

Britain should stop worrying about such matters and start counting its blessings.

Professor Benjamin, visiting professor of acturial science at City University, London, said he disagreed with the theory of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys that the birth rate had declined because many married couples had postponed having children and that it would rise again in the 1980s.

"The OPCS apparently believes that married women have no choice but to have babies and that as their numbers increase births must increase", he said. "The plain fact is that the number of married women has increased but births have continued to decrease. Women are exercising choice: not to have the babies they do not want, and to have only the babies they do want."

Many couples who OPCS thought had postponed having children were now beyond childbearing age and were clearly not going to have any, he said.

Among the advantages accruing from a lower birth rate were less competition for jobs among school-leavers, more children enjoying nursery education, and small class sizes. It would also relieve pressures on housing and land.

The Decline in the Birth rate: towards a better quality, of life (Birth Control Trust, 27-35 Mortimer Street, London, W1N 7RJ; 55p).

Motoring school wins insurance test case

The British School of Motoring and its network of more than a thousand driving instructors won a test case in the High Court yesterday over national insurance contributions.

Sir Douglas Frank, QC, a deputy judge, ruled that BSM instructors are independent contractors and therefore should pay contributions on a self-employed basis.

In the present financial year a self-employed person pays a flat-rate national insurance contribution of £2.66 a week plus 8 per cent annually of net profits between £1,750 and £5,500. A person he contracts to work for makes no contribution. An employee, on the other hand, pay 5½ per cent of his gross earnings and his employer pays 8½ per cent.

In yesterday's case Mr Barry Thorn, an instructor at Newcastle upon Tyne, and BSM appealed against a decision of the Department of Social Services that he was not self-employed and should pay contributions as an employee of BSM.

Sir Douglas ruled that the contract Mr Thorn, of Angus Close, Killingworth, Newcastle, had with BSM was as a self-employed instructor providing a service for the driving school.

The judge said that in 1973 BSM had reorganized its operation, incorporating about a thousand companies each called BSM, followed by a number. Each company had one instructor and Mr Thorn's particular company was BSM (1257) Ltd.

He had previously been an employee of the old BSM but his contract was terminated and in 1974 he signed a new contract, which changed his status to that of an independent contractor. The Department of Social Services had maintained that Mr Thorn was still an employee.

The judge said Mr Thorn worked only on commission and was not paid while on holiday or sick, and he could not take action for wrongful dismissal.

Bias by race commission alleged

The Commission for Racial Equality faces a complaint of discrimination n filling one of its top posts.

Mr Syed Rasul, one of nine applicants on the short list for the post of director of the community affairs and liaison division of the commission, maintaining that he was better qualified and more experienced than the white man who was given the job. The commission contends that the candidate it selected was the best qualified.

Mr Rasul, of Marchwood Road, Sheffield, the city's senior community relations officer, has complained to an industrial tribunal.

At the Employment Appeal Tribunal in London yesterday the commission was ordered to disclose documents relating to the candidates on th eshort list, seven of whom were white and two coloured.

Scientology query for candidates

By John groser

Every prospective parliamentary candidate is to be challenged before the next election by the Church of Scintology to declare support for the lifting of the Home Office ban on foreign scientologists entering Britain.

The campaign was proposed yesterday by Mr arthur Lewis, Labour MP for Newham, North-West, at a done-day conference of the Church of Scientology at Westminster refusal to negotiate on the rights of a religious group to entr enter England".

Mr Lewis and other MPs are also considering putting down an all-party motion to establish the degree of backbench support for ending the ban, first imposed in 1968.

Five-year plan to bring jobs and people to Mid Wales

From Tim Jones
Newtown, Powys

The Development Board for Rural Wales yesterday outlined a five-year policy to attract industry and jobs to the rural heartland of the principality. By investing at least £6m a year in the plan the board hopes to transform an area that is big on scenery but short on jobs and people into a viable part of the United Kingdom economy.

During that period the board, which was set up in April last year, hopes to create at least 5,000 new jobs in a region that covers two fifths of the land area of Wales but contains only 7 per cent of the population. To succeed it will have to stop the trend of depopulation in the area and also attract skilled workers.

In addition the nominated body will have to overcome prejudices that deter industrialists from setting up factories in the area. Dr Iain Skewis, the board's chief executive, said yesterday that some industrialis complained of distance, a lack of skilled men, a shortage of housing and a language difficulty.

But the fear that the Welsh language would be imposed on their children was unfounded. Moreover, Newtown was within an hour of the Midlands. The lack of skilled people was a countrywide difficulty, which could be helped by the restoration of grants for subsidized training.

The board has the power, through its constitution, to build houses and it expects that to be a big factor in enticing industrialists to the area.

Fears of violence over Windscale plan

By John Young
Planning Reporter

Fears were expressed yesterday that government acceptance of the Parker report, recommending the construction of a nuclear fuel processing plant at Windscale, Cumbria, might lead to violent demonstrations and protests, as in France and Germany.

Conservation groups were scathingly critical of the report, which, they said, completely failed to answer the widespread public concern about future dangers to life and health. By concentrating on relatively minor issues Mr Justice Parker had avoided addressing himself to the more important dangers of proliferation and reliance on fast-breeder reactors.

Friends of the Earth, who are planning a mass demonstration on March 29, described the report as "simplistic, almost derisory". The main issues had been misunderstood by the inspector and dealt with in the most cursory manner.

Mr Maurice Ash, chairman of the Town and Country Planning Association, said the association was "profoundly unconvinced" by the report, which was to be "followed by a parliamentary debate convened in unseemly haste and which will be necessarily inadequately informed".

During the inquiry the association had reluctantly come to doubt the suitability of the inspector to carry out such an inquiry. His High Court training had taught him only to decide on specific points of fact and not to weigh up wide and complex issues.

He had shown a positive lack of interest in the shaping of the future, and was unable or unwilling to contemplate a future that was not just a continuation of the past.

Both Friends of the Earth and the Town and Country Planning Association were anxious to dissociate themselves from any future violence. But it was thought in some quarters that the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament might try to make a comeback, appealing to youthful protest as it did 15 years ago over the hydrogen bomb.

Asked about the likely extent of parliamentary opposition to the Windscale project, Mr David Hall, the association's director, said he knew of many MPs who would probably vote against the proposed special development order. But at present they would certainly not be enough to form a majority.

Mayor's welcome: In Cumbria Mr Alan Polley, Major of Copeland, welcomed the report but said his council would press for government assistance to help the area to cope with the £600m development (our Whitehaven Correspondent writes). "It will mean more jobs and more prosperity but it will also bring quite a few problems, such as finding enough houses for them all."

Americans "upset": The British Government's promise of a "continuing dialogue" with the United States Administration over the Windscale project is not being taken very seriously in Washington (David Cross writes).

Administration officials agree that there is little they can do to prevent a final decision from being taken in a couple of months' time, but they are upset that in spite of Washington's earlier representations the British have failed to heed their warning that the reprocessing of nuclear waste will encourage nuclear proliferation.

Taxable perils of marriage made clear for girls

By Alan Hamilton

A group of militant feminists who believe that the Sex Discrimination Act is full of loopholes launched a campaign yesterday for the equal treatment of women by the income tax and social security authorities.

Four members of the "Why be a wife?" campaign introduced their manifesto at a press conference in London yesterday. Besides seeking changes in legislation, they intend to direct propaganda at schoolgirls, urging them to think twice before marrying young.

The campaigners say tax and social security laws confine and reinforce the position of married women as their husbands' dependants. They want to see every taxpayer treated as an individual.

"For tax purposes married women are classified along with incapacitated persons and idiots", Miss Angela Mason, one of the campaign leaders, said.

They also want an end to the "cohabitation rule" in paying supplementary benefit, and want women to be able to claim benefit in their own right, whether married, single or cohabiting.

In addition, most pension schemes militate against women by assuming their dependence on men, the campaigners say.

They have prepared a leaflet for mass distribution to shopping centres, launderettes, and other places where married women congregate.

Oversight may cost women pensions

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Thousands of women caring for children or elderly relatives are in danger of losing a pension right through failing to make a declaration of future intent. They can qualify for two extra years' credits, without paying any money, by stating before April 6 that they will pay full national insurance contributions when they return to work.

Those affected are married women who chose to pay reduced rate contributions when they were last in work. If the gap in employment is more than two years they will have to pay full contributions when they return to work in any case. But they will not receive credits unless they declare now that they intend to revoke their right to pay the reduced rate.

The declaration would be worth an extra 50p a week on their pensions at current rates if they do not get a job for two years. But if they wait until they return to work those two years of credits will be lost.

The credits are available under the new home responsibility protection offered by the earnings-related pension scheme beginning in April. Women who leave work to care for children, or elderly or disabled relatives, can claim protection for up to 20 years.

Home responsibility protection means that they will be credited with enough contributions to safeguard their pension rights without having to pay any money. A woman who receives 20 years' protection through the new scheme and works for 20 years will have half her pension covered by credits.

The option to pay reduced rate national insurance was withdrawn last year. Women who exercised the option are allowed to continue at the reduced rate, provided there is not a break in employment of two years or more.

More accidens 'price of cuts in road plans'

By Our Motoring Correspondent

A warning that cuts and delays to the road programme would exact a high price in accidents came yesterday from Mr Robert Phillipson, director of the British Road Federation.

He told a road safety conference in London that the expansion of motorways and dual carriageway roads had been the biggest factor in reducing casualties over the past ten years.

Indecision and spending-cuts had disrupted the programme, and about 350 miles of motorways and up to 1,500 miles of other trunk roads were in the melting pot. Standards had been lowered, important schemes being downgraded from motorways to all-purpose roads and single carriageways.

Scotland aims at tourists

The Scottish Tourist Board yesterday launched a plan to encourage hoteliers to provide a friendly welcome, courteous service, good food, comfortable accommodation and attractive amenities.

Cards have been sent to hoteliers to be handed to guests, inviting them to comment on service and Awards to hotels will be based on the number of cards received by the board.

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For further information please write to Tim Devlin, Director of National ISIS, 47 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EQ, or ring 01-222 7353.

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Hitch before new MP is brought to book

By Our Political Editor

The new Conservative MP for Redbridge, Ilford, North, yesterday almost missed signing the roll. At the critical moment in the Commons, after taking the oath of allegiance at the dispatch box, Mr Vivian Bendall, perplexed and pen in hand, was escorted to the Speaker, as a Labour backbencher jeered "Can't he write?".

The Speaker told the House that the usual practice was not being observed because "the book for some reason is not available at the moment."

As Sir Richard Barlsa, Clerk of the House, was checking outside the Chamber to see whether some minister had inadvertently swept it up in his papers, the book was found on the Conservative side of the table and Mr Bendall immediately signed in. It had been pushed six to eight feet by a great pile of ministers' books

Union dispute delays 15,000 telephones

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Connexion of nearly 15,000 new telephones is being delayed by Post Office engineers, who want a cut in the working week from 40 hours to 35.

The protest began more than three months ago. Two hundred exchanges due for commissioning or extension have been affted so far. There are no signs of an early solution and the Post Office Engineering Union is preparing plans to meet disciplinary action against any of its 123,000 members.

The unions present measures include refusal to bring into service any extension of exchanges or new exchanges. Equipment brought into use by employees outside the union will not be maintained. Field trials on new equipment have been halted.

The union is likely to continue its action until June at least, when a report will be put to the annual conference. A solution may form part of the annual wage settlement in July.

The Post Office said last night that talks were continuing.

The corporations is spending millions of pounds on expansion and modernization. Despite the dispute it has provided nearly two million new lines since last August and business has increased by a half in two years.

Demand for telephone connexions for 1977-78 are expected to be 12 per cent up on the previous year. The waiting list is 43,000. Residential demand is booming, and business demand is beginning to pick up, the Post Office says.

Tories defeat Scots election date scheme

The Opposition yesterday defeated a government proposal to change th dates of local government elections in Scotland from next year. The elections are traditionally held on the first Tuesday of each May.

Because the first Monday of May is to be the May Day public holiday the Government wants to alter the election date t othe first Thursday in May.

The proposal was defeated in the standing committee on the Scottish devolution Bill by eight votes to five and by seven votes to five in two related amendments.

Mr Harry Gourlay, Labour MP for Kirkcaldy, said: "The Tory Opposition have ignored the wishes of the majority of Scottish local authorities."

The proposed system would give time to set up polling booths.

Mr Alex Fletcher, an opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that because there would be so many elections in future, with the advent of the assembly it was necessary that people should identify Tuesdays as the day for local elections.

Appeal court criticizes law's delay

The law's three-year delay in taking a man to court for offences he committed while employed by the Post Office was criticized by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

It freed Aubrey Gordon, father of eight children, who had servied five weeks of a nine-monty jail sentence for theft and forgery.

Lord Justice Ormrod said that Mr Gordon, ged 38, of St Norberts Road, Brockley, London, had gone back to Jamaica for a time, but no acceptable explanation had been given for the long delay.

He had stolen £55 in September, 1974, and had forged documents to cover up the theft. He was convicted at Kingston-upon-Thames Crown Court on November 17, 1977, and had been granted bail five weeks later, pnding appeal against sentence. The court substituted a month suspended sentenc.

Man hanging in cell

William Joseph Payne, aged 29, married, of St Cuthbert's Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed, was found hanging yesterday in his cell at Leeds prison, where he was serving a 12-month sentence for assault.

MPs criticize 'anomaly' in pension scheme

By Our Social Serives Correspondent

More than 20 MPs from the three main parties have signed an early-day motion criticizing an "anomaly" in the new state pension scheme. They are urging the Government not to compel 300,000 men and women who are approaching retirement age to pay extra national insurance contributions from April, for which they would receive no extra pension.

The people affected are men aged 64 and women aged 59 on April 6, the day the new scheme starts. They will have to pay contributions of up to £1.76 more but will receive no extra pension because they will retire before the end of the first full year of the scheme.

The early-day motion, tabled by Mr Arthur Latham and Mr Andrew Bowden, joint chairman of the al-party pension group, calls on the Government either to refund the extra contributions or to exempt people due to retire before April, 1970, from paying them.

Mr Latham said yesterday: "This is an absurd anomaly. It is a sad story of a computer dictating policies."

The motion is supported by Age Concern, whose director, Mr David Hobman, said that those about to retire were being unfairly treated. The charity is aware that the last part-year of contributions will be ignored for all people retiring under the new scheme. But it is concerned for the 300,000, because they are the only group who will derive no extra benefit at all from their higher contributions.

Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, has admitted publicly that as it stands the arrangement amounts to "rough justice". He has poiuted out that the difficulties are administratoive, but is hoping that a way out can be found.

Code to clarify local complaints procedure

All local authorities should have clear, simple and well publicized procedures for receiving and investigating complaints, according to the Commission for Local Administration in England, the local ombudsmen.

The commission has prepared a code of practice on complaint procedures, and the booklet is being circulated to all local and water authorities in England with the backing of the local authority associations and the National Water Council.

Lady Serota, the commission's chairman, said many local authorities still lack satisfactory procedures for dealing with complaints. "We hope that the code will stimulate faster progress to get such arrangements introduced everywhere."

The code underlines the need for arrangements to deal promptly with queries and approaches for advice or information, saying that if not handled properly they may turn into complaints.

Complaints Procedures (Local Ombudsmen, 21 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1; free).

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Fragonard's finished drawings, made for sale to collectors (as opposed to preparatory sketches for paintings), range from landscapes, to scenes of everyday life; to lighthearted eroticism. Their grace and charm has been inspiring copyists for years.

On occasion Fragonard copied particular drawings himself, when a client pressed him to do so. They are thought to have been executed by Fragonard's own in-laws, Marguerite Gérard and Marie-Anne, and probably his son Evariste, and probably his contemporary, the engraver Delaunay, who made prints after many of the drawings. In the nineteenth century the Goncourt brothers owned many Fragonard drawings and some copies are now positively ascribed to Jules de Goncourt.

We have been told by Mr Daniel Wildenstein that in the early years of the twentieth century the leading Paris restorer was selling superb Fragonard copies which got sold as genuine through a London dealer.

In addition to earlier generations of Fragonard copies, there is a strong case for believing that a large new group have been marketed from Paris as authentic works over the past few years, taking in a lot of people and earning a lot of money for someone.

This was already realized that might be happening by a few scholars and traders back in 1961. Knowledge of the racket must have spread in the trade, for it was first mentioned to me, in passing, around 1967-968. However, when I began to work on it seriously last summer I found myself having to break the news from scratch to one leading dealer in the field and one leading auction-house.

The cloak of secrecy maintained by those who had already burnt their fingers burnt had proved very effective.

One of the major problems we contend with in a case like this is the difficulty of finding a hundred per cent proof that a drawing is a fake. Most collectors, museums or dealers are convinced if a number of different experts point in the same direction.

The first is, of course, the opinion of knowledgeable connoisseurs. Then there is the paper and ink; it is perfectly possible for a faker to find eighteenth-century paper to work on and to make his own ink in the traditional manner (by boiling soot and steering it).

Over the period during which the new fakes have appeared, a new *catalogue raisonné* in three volumes of Fragonard's drawings has been published by Alexandre Ananoff, a Paris expert of Russian extraction. It was the first major publication to treat Fragonard's drawings in detail since Baron Roger Portalis published *Fragonard, sa vie et son œuvre* in 1889.

The four volumes were published in 1961, 1963, 1968 and 1970. Scholars have criticized the inaccuracies, which are certainly numerous, but M Ananoff defended the work to me last week, pointing out that the art world is much better off with such a catalogue than without one. He had merely published his own archive on Fragonard drawings; where he discovers mistakes or changes his mind he inserts corrections at the back of a subsequent volume. He now has a fifth volume in preparation.

The catalogue is certainly of immense assistance in documenting the new group of fakes which appears to have been marketed from Paris since the late 1950s. It includes 96 drawings which other Fragonard experts now believe to be modern fakes. They should, however, be considered as 37 items for there is one album which contains 60 drawings. There are other suspect drawings, but these 37 items have certain key features in common.

Connoisseurs detect stylistic peculiarities: a mustardish quality in the ink; a pointed, granular, finish to details. There is, however, considerable variation in quality and it has been suggested that two different techniques may have been at work or a much better than the other.

They all use the same technique of brown wash over chalk or white underdrawing (one, though only one, of Fragonard's own techniques).

All have appeared on the market since the mid-1950s.

As far as I have been able to discover, the existence of some of the drawings was recorded before it was announced by M Ananoff.

In most cases M. Ananoff's catalogue cites a history of provenance which does not stand up to critical scrutiny. Fake collectors' marks are particularly used on the drawings. All but one are versions of their own compositions either by Fragonard or one of his contemporaries — known either from a drawing or print. In those cases where a test has been made the copy is so exact that when a photographic transparency of the supposed fake and the genuine source (brought exactly to the same scale) are superimposed, virtually every detail can be seen to coincide. Most drawings have been executed in this manner.

The picture's pedigree is of great importance when it comes to making a sale. Fakes which M Ananoff has catalogued as genuine often appear with illustrious histories; M Ananoff explains that he has generally accepted provenances provided by the owners of the drawings.

Mirrors in provenances can help in a number of ways. Often a reference to the sale of a distinguished eighteenth-century or nineteenth-century collection, cited with date lot number and price, is a long way short of conclusive: when the sale catalogue is checked it may be found that the description is so vague that it could apply to any of a number of known drawings. Secondly, a fake inscription may have been written on the back of the drawing indicating that it belonged once to a certain collector or collectors. Thirdly, a fake collector's mark may be added.

Ever since the eighteenth century collectors of drawings have used little stamps or punches to mark their drawings, usually incorporating their initials. Frits Lugt published a remarkable guide to these marks in 1921, *Les marques de collection de dessins et d'estampes*.

Fourthly, not all references are checkable, for instance: "Collection particulière, Amboise", "Collection Mme de R....., Lyon" or "Collection Rahir". The latter appears frequently: Rahir was a Paris dealer of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. A great many drawings passed through his hands but there exists no catalogue of his collection, or an auction catalogue, in which to check whether he truly once owned a drawing.

The present whereabouts of all 37 items is not known; some have disappeared from view since they passed through public auction. Some have found their way to important collections or museums which are unwilling to investigate the suggestion that they are not authentic. But a number of cases may be quoted where the owners have accepted that their drawings are not authentic.

In 1965 the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, acquired a drawing entitled *La Confidence* from a Paris dealer. The composition is identical to a drawing now in the Boymans Museum, Rotterdam. The Boymans drawing was unknown until 1925 when it was discovered by the French expert Marius Paulme; he identified it as the pendant or pair (artists often make paintings or drawings as pairs purposely, to hang together) of a drawing entitled *La Lecture*, in the Louvre. He also suggested that the drawing he had discovered was probably the very one catalogued as *La Confidence* in the Brunet Denon sale of 1846.

The first published reference to the Ottawa drawing was by M Ananoff. He included it in the second volume of his Fragonard catalogue, published in 1963, claiming that it was this drawing, not the Boymans one, which was recorded in the Brunet Denon catalogue. He had good reason, for this drawing bears the collector's mark of Brunet Denon's uncle, the Baron Vivant Denon, a noted collector and the first director of the Musée du Louvre. Only the mark has turned out to be a fake.

In fact, the lengthy provenance cited for this drawing is a fine example of how spurious provenances can be built up. First come references to two eighteenth-century sales, though M Ananoff carefully indicates with an asterisk that the descriptions in the sale catalogues could equally well apply to the Boymans drawing.

Then comes the Baron Vivant Denon, implied by the fake collector's mark; and from this derives the identification with the Brunet Denon sale of 1846. Next comes Georg Plach, a late nineteenth-century Viennese expert in old master drawings, whose collector's mark has also been faked on this drawing. Then there is the collection Rahir (uncheckable) and "Mme de R——, Lyon" who is supposed to have purchased the drawing from Rahir around 1903 (again uncheckable).

The National Gallery of Canada conservation department has demonstrated that the drawing is on machine-laid paper; the ink, which is of a gummy consistency, is also uncharacteristic of Fragonard.

Before leaving this drawing, which the gallery accepts to be a modern fake, it is worth mentioning that it has an unfinished fake on the back. The drawing when purchased was stuck down on an old sheet of hand-made paper. When this was detached a half-finished copy of *La Lecture* was found on the back. This is the very drawing, whose prime version is in the Louvre, and which Marius Paulme suggested was the pendant or pair of the Boymans version of *La Confidence*.

Only half the wash has been applied but the outlines and contours are complete; the rigid attention to detail in this underdrawing gives the impression of a tracing, according to connoisseurs who have studied the work.

The largest and most potentially valuable item, now believed by experts (other than M Ananoff) not to be authentic, is an album of 60 drawings illustrating La Fontaine's *Contes*; it has a further drawing, a vignette, illustrating the title page. The whole was originally contained in what appeared to be an eighteenth-century binding, bearing the arms of Bergaret de Grancourt, a friend and patron of Fragonard's. Its existence was first signalled in a lengthy "communication" by M Ananoff to the *Société de l'Histoire de l'Art Français* in January, 1960.

He briefly mentioned the provenance of the album. A "châtelain" from the south-west of France had got in touch with him about a year before, having heard that he was preparing a catalogue of Fragonard's drawings, to tell him that he owned an album. M Ananoff's correspondent had asked him to treat this information in strict confidence and, above all, not to reveal his identity.

M Ananoff had now obtained permission to reveal the existence of the album. It had been in the possession of the "châtelain's" family since 1861, when his grandparents acquired it as a result of the division of an estate, along with 100 or so other precious volumes, now the pride of the family library.

Such a discovery was a major event in the art world and articles followed in several magazines. In the summer of 1960 Sotheby's approached M Ananoff, asking him whether the owner might be interested in selling. The negotiations initially prospered, according to the correspondence which M Ananoff showed me last week.

M Ananoff himself acted as Paris go-between. At first only 20 drawings were to be sold, which Sotheby's valued at £25,000. M Ananoff arranged for a notary to sign and stamp the back of each drawing to attest that they had been removed from the same album; he also obtained government permission for the drawings to be exported from France. Subsequently it was decided that the entire album, rather than part of it, should be sold. The 18 illustrations prepared for the auction catalogue are still in Sotheby's files, but the auction never took place.

M Ananoff assured me last week that the album was entirely genuine and that the only reason for the cancellation was an argument about price. There are, however, strong indications that Sotheby's realized that the drawings were not authentic and Sotheby's certainly sought opinions from several experts at the time.

Fragonard did indeed make many drawings illustrating La Fontaine's *Contes* and it is necessary to look at these to see how this fake album was constructed. In the 1760s he made a series of free and spontaneous chalk drawings of which 42 have survived; some time later he took counterproofs from these. (A chalk drawing, damped and wedged against a blank sheet of paper will leave on it a reverse image or counterproof of the drawing.) Of these counterproofs, which he worked up in ink and wash into finished drawings, 57 survive and are now in the Petit Palais Museum in Paris.

Inspired most probably by this second series, the publisher Didot around 1789 commissioned Fragonard to prepare illustrations for a de luxe edition of the *Contes*. These were troubled times both for France and for Fragonard. In the event the Didot edition of 1795 contained only 20 plates of which 16 were engraved after drawings by Fragonard and four after drawings by other artists. A further dozen or so plates were prepared but not used; of these only three were engraved after drawings by Fragonard. The original drawings executed by Fragonard for these engravings have been dispersed but the present whereabouts of 13 of them is known. Another 14 drawings are known which appear to have been prepared for engraving but were apparently never used.

We now skip 100 years to reach the probable source material used in constructing the album. In 1883 the publisher Lemmonyer brought out an edition of the *Contes* edited by A. de Montaiglon. The series of 57 drawings now in the Petit Palais had been carefully and faithfully engraved for the edition by Martial; in addition the engravings made for the eighteenth-century Didot edition were republished, including the unused plates.

The album whose existence was first announced in 1960 by M Ananoff contains 60 drawings, three more than the most complete series hitherto known (the 57 drawings in the Petit Palais). The three extra drawings are based on plates prepared for the Didot edition of 1795 but not used. Here the faker has made his first mistake; he has forgotten that other artists contributed drawings for this series as well as Fragonard. In fact he has copied the engraving illustrating *La Soeur Jeannie* for which the drawing was contributed by Monnet. The other two plates which he has copied illustrate *La Fiancé du Roi de Garbe* and *La Gageure des Trois Commères*. Neither of these two plates is signed but it is most improbable that they were engraved after drawings by Fragonard.

This is not the only mistake. The second concerns the nature of engraving. The engraver works on a copper plate which when inked and printed produces a mirror image of the drawing he has incised on it. This produces some problems with details of dress; the buttons on men's coats, for instance are on the right. A sword was also worn on the right. The highly skilled and professional engravers of the eighteenth century would always place these accessories on the left—so that they printed on the right. This is so with all the Didot engravings which are worked up in much greater detail than appears in the drawings provided by Fragonard. In the drawings the accessories appear on the right, so the engraver has had to reverse their position.

The fact that Fragonard was well aware of this problem is illustrated by the Petit Palais drawings. The counterproofs, like engravings, would have printed in reverse. While working them up in pen and wash Fragonard has reversed the position of buttons and swords so that they appear correctly on the right.

However, when Martial engraved these drawings in the late nineteenth century he was working in a different spirit, born of a different age. His aim was to follow exactly every stroke of Fragonard's pen; when his engravings were printed the buttons and swords appeared on the left.

A strong supposition that the album was based in the main on the Martial engravings is provided by the fact that buttons and swords are to be found on the left. In the case of the fake drawing illustrating *La Coupe Enchantée* it has been possible to make a photographic comparison with the Martial engraving, the Petit Palais drawing, and the preparatory drawing for the Didot engraving. The transparencies coincide most exactly in the case of the Martial engraving. It appears from this comparison that the fake was produced by some kind of tracing or photographic copying using the Martial engraving; some extra detail was then apparently added freehand from the Didot drawing, notably a basket placed under the table.

The contention that the entire album is a fake thus rests on three separate issues.

1. Stylistically the drawings (as far as can be judged from photographs) are not good enough for Fragonard but do appear to relate to the other 36 suspect drawings.

2. At least one of the compositions (and probably three) is based on an engraving which was made after a drawing by another arrist, not Fragonard.

3. The buttons and swords frequently appear on the wrong side.

Some or all of this appears to have been realized while the drawings were with Sotheby's for sale in the early 1960s.

The album was published as fully authentic in the first volume (1961) of M Ananoff's catalogue, where they were described as "Group II". At the back of this third volume (1968), M Ananoff adds a lengthy note which is, perhaps, worth quoting in full.

"The Group II of *Contes* by La Fontaine (see vol I p 198), which we catalogued, described and reproduced (figs 175 to 183) was copied in totality during the nineteenth century. Care over the imitation was even pushed to the point of inserting the series in an ancient binding.

"A few years ago, these copies, on sheets detached from the binding which were to be sold by auction in London under Fragonard's name, were submitted to me.

"Apart from certain infinitesimal differences between these drawings and the original works, all carried on the back a red stamp and the signature of a Paris notary, not attesting to their authenticity but to the fact that they had genuinely been removed from an album.

"Despite the fact that the rules of this work forbid us to cite doubtful drawings except those that have been "officialized" by exhibition or public auction, we consider it decidedly in the interest of readers to depart from this rule. The circulation of such drawings could provide a very disagreeable surprise for the uninitiated."

Along with others who have studied this problem, I had assumed until last week that this note indicated M Ananoff's acceptance of the Group II album not being authentic. But he has now explained to me that a second, almost identical, copy of the Group II album was consigned to a London auction room for sale during the 1960s. As the note indicates, it also had an ancient binding from which the sheets had been detached and endorsed by a Paris notary.

M Ananoff tells me that he still believes the Group II album to be authentic; it is this second album which he believes was copied in its entirety during the nineteenth century.

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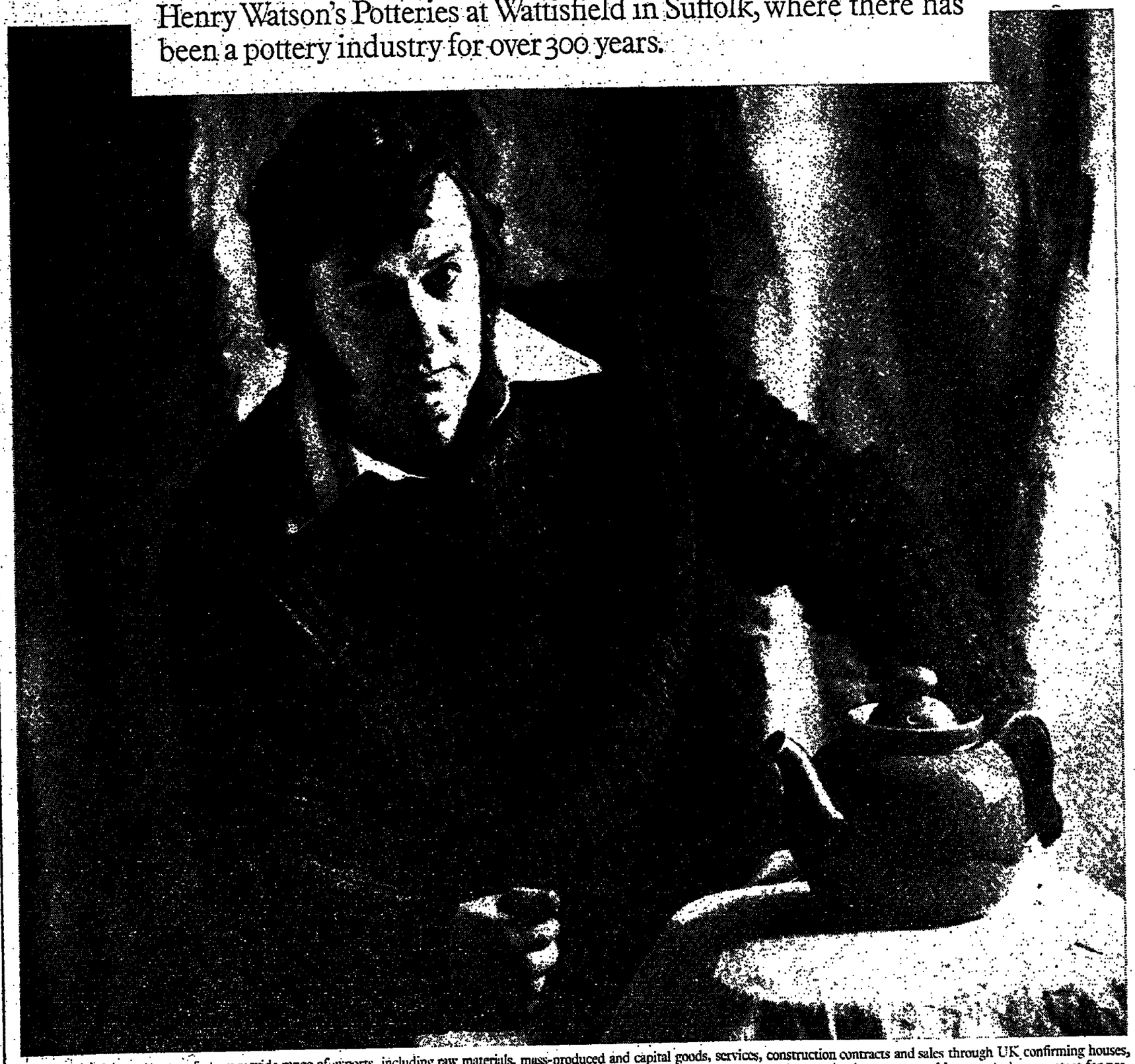
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The Blenheim archives: decision to assign collection to British Library reaffirmed

House of Commons

It would be a national tragedy if the concept of the Churchill archives at Churchill College, Cambridge, to be complete and well maintained, should be damaged by the ill-considered and indefensible decision of the Minister for the Arts (*Lord Donaldson* of Kingsbridge) that the Blenheim papers of John, first Duke of Marlborough, should be sent to the British Library in London, Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said.

Mr James, initiating an adjournment debate on the decision, said the British Library in London did not have air conditioning, humidity control, storage facilities or adequate staff for looking after the papers. Its record in preparing catalogues was poor and its promises to the minister seemed unfulfillable.

Lady Churchill had felt strongly that the papers should join the other archives of the Marlborough family at the Churchill College and she had joined him in a letter to *The Times* on the subject and had also written privately to the Prime Minister.

The Churchill College, Cambridge, was established as a living memorial to Sir Winston and had been opened in 1973 with the most modern facilities for the use and storage of documents and most advanced protection against fire and other hazards.

It was right that the college should contain the gems of the Marlborough papers of the First Lord, Sir Randolph and Sir Winston, marking three centuries of service to the nation by one extraordinary family.

All the evidence at my disposal (he said) makes me profoundly doubtful whether the British Library is technically capable at present of handling the collection in anything approaching the manner that the Churchill College can and the Duke of Marlborough has expressed particular concern about this.

He was asking for the decision to be at least reviewed and at best reversed.

The wishes of the Churchill family, and virtually the last wishes of Lady Churchill had been ignored and the papers of John, first Duke of Marlborough, were to be split up, to the detriment of scholars and scholarship.

It would be a national tragedy (he said) if the papers were to be divided and the concept of the Churchill archives being complete and well maintained should be damaged by this ill-considered and indefensible decision.

He did not accept the proposition that great collections should necessarily be in London. Ideally, the Churchill papers should be housed at Chartwell or Blenheim.

The vast bulk are in Churchill College (he said). I appeal to the minister that this collection should be housed in one place, in a building created as a memorial to that family, where it would be complete and treasured for all time.

Mr Gordon Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science (Widnes, Lab) said that no one would doubt the preeminence of the collection of papers known as the Blenheim Archives which formed part of the estate of the tenth Duke of Marlborough. They were described authoritatively as indisputably an archive of the greatest national and historical importance.

The collection was very large, amounting to 30,000 documents. One group comprised personal and official papers of John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough.

There were papers relating to his wife, Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough. Also included were papers relating to the history of the building of Blenheim Palace.

There could be no doubt that the collection was one of outstanding national importance, representing an important source for the national, political and military history of the period.

The collection was offered to and accepted by the Government in satisfaction of estate duty at a cost of £342,300 to the National Land Fund. The offer was made unconditionally and without any wishes being expressed as to its location.

The Minister for the Arts had the task of deciding the most suitable ultimate destination of the collection and as a first but most important step looked to the Royal *Commission on Historical Documents* for advice.

Five institutions had made bids for the collection—the British Library, Churchill College, Cambridge; Bodleian, Oxford; the Public Record Office and the National Army Museum. The claims of each had received the closest consideration by the commission.

But in the end its unanimous recommendation was that the collection should, in the interests of scholarship and learning, be lodged with the British Library. The commission was in no doubt that the primary and central relevance of the collection was overwhelmingly of national rather than family or local history.

The British Library was the central national collection of manuscripts and already had a formidable holding of material closely related to the Blenheim papers.

In reaching this decision the commission was not unmindful of the merits of the case put forward for Churchill College and other applicants.

He did not accept suggestions that conditions at the British Library were such that they would not properly be able to care for such a collection. The minister placed considerable store on the assurance given to the commission by the British Library that if the library were to acquire the papers an immediate and sustained major effort would be made to ensure access by scholars to the collection at the earliest possible moment.

A detailed catalogue with index was expected to be available for scholars visiting the library in about 18 *months and to be published* in 1980.

The minister's decision in assigning the collection to the British Library had been widely welcomed.

Mr Rhodes James said he was disappointed with the minister's reply and would not let the matter rest there.

Monday's sitting adjourned at 2.39 am.

Action of dentists on NHS work deplored

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said it was deplorable that the British Dental Association had advised its members to be selective in the treatment they provided under the National Health Service.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) had asked whether the Secretary of State was satisfied with the present methods of paying dentists for their National Health Service work.

Mr Ennals (*Norwich, North*, Lab)—The present methods of paying dentists have been jointly agreed with the dental profession. But I am always ready to look at proposals for improvement in the arrangements or any reasonable alternative.

Mr McNair-Wilson—In Berkshire some dental practitioners are so dissatisfied with their remuneration that they are withdrawing certain services, in particular the supply of false teeth, to my constituents, which sets them back no less than £12 to £15 out of pocket. What will he do about it ?

Mr Ennals—I am aware that some dentists in some parts of the country are refusing to provide some types of treatment, such as dentures, under the NHS. I deplore the fact that the British Dental Association has given such advice to its dentists to be selective.

It was for this reason that I sent a personal letter to all dentists asking them not to make patients suffer.

The House will be encouraged to know that the figures for dental treatment under the NHS in the first two months of this year show an increase of 280,000 over he *first two months of* last year.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, chief Opposition spokesman on social services (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C)—He is never goong to be able to reach a satisfactory agreement with dentists or any of the other NHS professions so long as many of his colleagues in the Cabinet and on the back benches continue their campaign of sniping and vilification against their professional integrity and independence. He may mean well, but his party do not. (Labour interruptions.)

Mr Ennals—That is rubbish. It is not true that there have been such allegations. The relations it has been possible for this Government to maintain with the professions have been on a civilized basis.

I regret that the British Dental Association decided they would withdraw from the dental rates study group, an independent body on which they had cooperated and which has the responsibility o f determining expenses.

I have pleaded with them to *return to this independent* body because at present dentists are being deprived of a new assessment of their expenses. Because of this, I have referred the matter to the review body. The accusation he has made are untrue.

Efforts to reduce errors by social security staff

Steps being taken to reduce administrative errors in social security payments were explained by Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) asked what estimate the minister had made of the total lost in supplementary benefits through fraud and mistakes in 1977; and what steps he would take to cut down that sum.

Mr Orme (Salford, West, Lab)—Cash losses due to irrecoverable overpayments of supplementary benefit recorded during the financial year ended March 31, 1977, amounted to about £8m.

Although this sum is small in comparison to the total of £1,800m supplementary benefit paid in that year, we take our prevention responsibilities very seriously.

The methods used in taking and processing claims are designed to minimize the risk of fraud and erroneous payments and these methods will continue to be reviewed in the light of experience.

Mrs Knight—I am not asking how much money which could have been claimed was not claimed. Will the minister confirm that the biggest rise in the amount lost comes from official errors—about 40 per cent—and consider the possibility that it is the impossible complexity of the benefit system which is contributing to these errors

Mr Orme—We make £100m Giro payments a year in short-term benefits and £900m order book benefits payments a year. That is the size of the operation. The error made by staff amounted to just over £3m.

We spend much time on the cost of training, monitoring and work standards and other forms of checking which have to be weighed against the results achieved. Obviously we want to improve it.

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Lab)—It is odd that questions about fraud from the Opposition are always about social security. It would be better if they concentrated some questions on the enormous amount lost to the Exchequer through tax frauds.

Mr Orme—Some of the Opposition make these accusations continuously and they are wrong. I entirely agree with what Mr Stoddart said about tax frauds.

EEC direct elections likely to be in spring or summer next year

House of Lords

The decisive nature of the rejection by the House of Commons of a *regional list system* of elections to the European Assembly suggested that there was no realistic prospect of persuading the Commons to change its mind, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, said.

Lord Harris of Greenwich, moving the second reading of the European Assembly Elections Bill, which has passed the Commons, said it was a Bill of considerable constitutional and historical significance. The principles of a directly-elected Parliament were incorporated in the Treaty of Rome as a necessary eventual part of the institutions of the Community.

On December 13 the Commons rejected the Government's recommended regional list system of elections and subsequently confirmed its preference for the simple majority system for Great *Britain and for the single* transferable vote system for Northern Ireland.

The Government had suggested that Parliament should adopt the regional list system of elections—the simplest and most effective form of proportional representation in the circumstances. However, that view was rejected by the Commons. The decisive nature of that rejection suggested that there was no realistic prospect of persuading the Commons to change its mind on the issue.

Peers must now accept the simple majority system of elections for Great Britain as a feature of the Bill and proceed on that basis.

The Council of Ministers were now considering the question of a new target date for direct elections and though it could not be forecast what the outcome would be, the new date would probably be some time in the late spring or summer of 1979.

Lady Elles, for the Opposition, said direct elections would represent an important contribution to the better understanding, objectives and purposes of the EEC by the people, who would be better served.

If elections took place in May or June next year then all the procedures must be completed by November this year, including consideration of the report of the Boundary Commission.

The only way to ensure that the Bill reached the statute book in due time was to leave it substantially as it was. The method of voting was less important than the time.

The Bill as it stood was acceptable and convenient for a first-time election, and as such it could be ready for May or June next year.

It would be disastrous if once again the citizens of the other eight countries were held back from voting because of the negligence and expressed distastefulness of the Government or of anybody else. If that happened it would further weaken British respect and consequently it would lead to less bargaining power for Britain in the EEC. Lord Banks (L) said a major blemish in the Bill was the provision for the first-past-the-post voting method which could lead to gross *distortions. That electoral method* could upset the political balance as a whole in the European Parliament.

Iphigwus hoped that some form of proportional representation could be put back in the Bill during committee stage to give the Commons the opportunity of second thoughts.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth (Lab) said Britain's progress at a snail's pace had done the country much damage in its relations with other member states, but the delay should not be taken too tragically. What Britain must seek to do now was to keep to the timetable.

The Earl of Bessborough (C) said though he was a confirmed electoral reformer, the importance of getting the Bill through with speed was now more important than the precise electoral method to be employed.

The first international elections in the world were an exciting prospect. They were a major step forward in European integration. They would increase, if not the powers of the European Parliament, at least its influence, which was not inconsiderable at present. It was a great hope for the future.

Lord Greenwood of Rossendale (Lab), chairman of the Lords subcommittee of the EEC select committee, said that they were handling the question of relations between the directly-elected European Parliament and the national Parliaments of the nine member states. They proposed to report to the House at about the ed of May.

It was generally expected that a directly-elected Parliament would wish to have greater powers than the existing one. He hoped that was something that would not be pressed too early and too hard.

There could be a situation in which the Europe members of Parliament from the United Kingdom belonged to one party, while the majority of MPs at Westminster belonged to another. Something of the strains that might create could be seen. The political parties had to do a lot of deep thinking before they faced fighting elections to the European Parliament.

The subcommittee would next week be *considering a paper on the* subject and hearing evidence from the Clerk of the Parliaments. They would invite representatives of the political parties to meet them. They would like to talk to the Secretary Ge General and the other officials of the European Parliament, give the Foreign and Commonwealth Office ministers a chance to express their views, and they wanted to consult the Civil Service Department because of the infrastructure problems that might arise.

They would like to learn from the experience of other Parliaments in the Community. Not least they would like to consult with Sir John Eden (Bournemouth, West, C), chairman of the Commons select committee on EEC secondary legislation, and his colleagues.

These are real dangers we are facing (he said). We have to take *them seriously. We have to do* everything we can to avoid a conflict.

Lord Chelwood (C) said that the first-past-the-post system was bound to produce a distorted and unfair result. It was also certain to produce no liberal delegates, which would be deplored. *The regional* list system amounted to little more than party patronag ethrough nominations.

Lord Murray of Gravesend (Lab) said that he hoped to be a candidate in the direct elections. The Bill was necessary because it supported and strengthened what should be the Government's commitment to the European ideal. In the past couple of years the argument about direct elections had been an extension of the argument about yes or no to Europe.

Lord Dromalbyn (C) said that the candidates at the direct elections should belong to the constituencies they sought to represent. He did not mean that they should reside in the constituencies, but should have their roots in them. He preferred the additional member system on the West German model.

Lord Bruce of Donnington (Lab) said that it was important not to raise a lot of false hopes by assuming that the European Assembly directly elected would be able to do the same kind of things on a European scale as a British Parliament was able to do in relation to the *United Kingdom.*

Lord Kennet (Lab) said he hoped that the Conservative Party and its leadership would between now and the second direct elections, in about six years' time, get to grips with proportional representation. Lord Castle (Lab) said the Bill *could be a signal for opening a new* chapter in world politics. It would demand a new kind of politician. The reward for a new member of a new Parliament in Europe would be the knowledge that he was not making decisions on behalf of one country, but for the people of nine countries.

Lady Burton of Coventry (Lab) said that she was a convinced European. Certain people in the Labour Party had done almost irreparable damage to the Community and certainly irreparable damage to themselves and the Labour Party. She was afraid they had irreparably damaged the European attitude to the United Kingdom.

Since the referendum there had been a steady and constant campaign against the then Prime Minister, including those MPs who supported him. The antagonism towards what the British people had voted for was a deliberate attempt to denigrate the Prime Minister, the Government and the Community. It had brought about hostility to the Bill.

If Parliament supported this Bill, the anti-EEC element in the Labour Party would welcome an election result which gave Labour MPs a small membership of the new European Parliament. They intended to destroy the Common Market from within rather than too obviously from outside. The delay in direct elections was regrettable and unnecessary.

Lord Gladwyn (L) said that far from being a useless talking shop, there was every likelihood that the directly-elected Parliament would be the one means capable of making the Community work.

The Earl of Mansfield, for the Opposition, said once the Bill was law and the European Parliament elected a new dawn would emerge.

But the present Parliament was living on borrowed time and it was possible that the Bill would not receive Royal Assent by the time arliamen twas dissolved.

That, if it happened, would put the issue back to square one with *all the odium that that would* entail in Europe.

Lord Harris of Greenwich said it was hoped that a new target date would be considered and decided at the meeting of the Council of Ministers in April. It was expected that the reports of the Boundary Commission would be laid before both Houses in the autumn.

It would be an act of folly to disregard some of the risks involved in reopening the question of proportional representation and sending it back to the Commons.

The Bill was rea da second time.

House adjourned, 6.51 pm.

Minister's assurance on files of Mr Scott

The Pencourt File was a package of rumour, innuendo and tittle-tattle, Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during exchanges when in reply to Mr *Cranley Onslow (Woking, C)*, Mr Ennals indicsted he was satisfied ments for the safe custody of files with his department's arrangerelating to individual members of the public.

Mr Onslow asked—What inquiry has he made into the statement on *pages 175 to 177 of* The Pencourt File that certain files relating to Mr Norman Scott were removed from his department by a political aide we now know to be Mr Jack Straw, taken to 10 Downing Street and seen by the then Prime Minister, Sir Harold Wilson, who in turn took copies of those files and has kept them ?

Mr Ennals—It is for ministers to decide for themselves, bearing in mind the need to respect the confidentiality of personal information, what papers they need to consult and what advice they need to perform their ministerial functions. Sir Harold Wilson evidently thought it necessary to inform himself about this case. as he has since made clear to the press.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C)—What exceptional circumstances *were there to justify the disclosure* of the files of Mr Norman Scott to the then Prime Minister and his political secretary ?

Was it to meet statutory or welfare requirements or to stop duplication of payments out of public funds or to assist the police with a prosecution ? Was Mr Scott's consent ever obtained ?

Mr Ennals—The question as to what information a Prime Minister of the day needs to see and what information he asks of aresponsible Secretary of State to enable him to see, it is for him to decide.

As to whether there was any impropriety or anything else to do with it, it is precisely that on which I made a statement yesterday. I came into office and assured the thorough investigation when I day. I told the House I had made a House there had in no sense been any impropriety on behalf of the department.

Mrs Barbara Castle (Blackburn, Lab)—The Pencourt File has about as much validity as Babies for Burning turned out to have.

No files relating to any person were taken out of the department by Mr Jack Straw to the Prime Minister of the day or anyone else. so can he stop the Tories trying to stir up muck out of a couple of journalists' fevered imaginations ?

Mr Ennals—I agree in terms of the comment on this book. It certainly is a package of rumours, innuendo and tittle-tattle.

Since it is clear that some Conservatives wish to pursue this, I thought it proper to make a statement to the House and reveal that when I knew there were allegations, I carried out a thorough investigation and assured myself, and now assure the House, there was no impropriety.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Further progress in committee on Wales Bill.

House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debates on parental choice in education; crime prevention; and Cyprus.

Any erecting of trade barriers could be serious for Britain

Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, commented that though Mr Peter Walker (Worcester, C) followed in the line of prominent Conservatives who cared about one nation, Mr Walker had to sit "in exile" on the Conservative side of the House.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Teesside, *Thornaby, Lab) had asked* Mr Callaghan, at a meeting with the TUC and CBI to confirm that the Opposition were out of step not only with trade unionists but with the CBI on incomes policy and economic policy.

And in case there is any doubt (he added) he could remind them of the recent comments of Mr Peter Walker that he was depressed by the Tory Party leadership following nineteenth-century Tory free market principles which would lead only to squalor, slums and injustice in our society. Mr Callaghan (*Cardiff, South-ast*, Lab)—I would not like Mr Wrigg the CBI and TUC we spent a lot of time talking about the Opposition. (Laughter.)

I agree that Mr Walker follows in the line of people like R. A. Butler, Macmillan and Macleod who cared about one nation. But they were then in charge of the Conservative Party whereas he has to sit in exile below the gangway.

Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Carshalton, C)—When Mr Callaghan next meets the CBI and the Tuc, will he strongly resist any calls for a return to protectionism ?

This would not be in the interest of the British consumer and if done through the EEC, might lead to retaliatory action by the Americans which would be damaging to the prospects for recovery.

Mr Callaghan—Since the war we have followed a path of attempting to lower trade barriers. Now it seems the tide could be setting the other way because of the growth of industrial unemployment throughout the Western world.

For Britain this would be a serious and significant reversal, considering 21 per cent of our gross national product is made up of foreign trade.

That does not mean we should not take selective action, and we do take it. The United States have s great complaint against the EEC in relation to agricultural products and I have some sympathy with them.

Mr Stanley Crowther (Rotherham, Lab)—When he next meets the TUC and the CBI will he take advice on reducing the standard working week for manual workers and also reducing the retiring age for men ?

The development of technology means demand for labour is going to be progressively reduced. It is far better to pay men in their sixties a decent pension to retire than to have men in their thirties and forties out of work.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C)—Retire, retire.

Mr Callaghan—I fear on that basis about three quarters of the present House of Commons would go. (Laughter.)

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—Order. He must not be personal. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr Callaghan—I thought all the cheers were coming from the younger generation.

Mr Crowther has a serious point and one that is going to concern the industrial world increasingly over the next decade; that is, to what extent manufacturing industry can provide additional jobs.

None of us has yet solved this particular problem. When I meet the TUC I press on them they should raise these matters through the European TUC as through the European Council as a whole action can be taken internationally or on an EEC basis because we cannot make it impossible for us to compete by increasing our costs unduly.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Does Mr Callaghan recall the industrial growth targets for manufacturing industry accepted by NEDC in the year of the economic miracle August 1976 after they had been presented by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Denis Healey) ?

That growth rate for manufacturing industry was an annual average rate for four years of 3 per cent. What is the target now for next year since that has not been revised ?

Mr Callaghan—I do not recall that particular figure. (Laughter.) I *really do not see why* I should be expected to come charged with every figure in my head that the Gang of Four has seduiously fed to Mrs Thatcher for her questions. (More laughter.)

I would agree that the efforts to overcome inflation combined with *the problems of the oil producing* countries has created a situation in which it has not been possible for us to grow. Now we have broadly overcome inflation—(Conservative interruptions)—broadly, broadly . . . . (Renewed interruptions.)

Perhaps I had better repeat the *figures. When the Conservatives* left office it was 15.2 per cent; it is now 9.9 per cent and steadily coming down. (Labour cheers.)

I hope Mr Healey when he makes his Budget statement will be able to make some reply to Mrs Thatcher on this coming year.

Mrs Thatcher—He refers to the Gang of Four. The trouble is the Gang of One at the Treasury. (Laughter.) This manufacturing growth rate which Mr Callaghan does not know was the basis of what is known as Scenario Two and the assumptions of all the sector working parties.

His industrial strategy has always consisted of pie in the sky tomorrow and appalling performance today. Why does he not turn to incentive strategy instead of high taxation and no incentives for individuals ? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I am obliged to her for giving me this information. I am always ready to receive it. (Shout of "You need it".) It is not a case of being able to give information, it is a case of being able to digest it and use it; and that is what I sometimes wonder about.

The Opposition really are behaving in a Pavlovian way over manufacturing industry.employers, managers and trade unionists—strongly support the Government in trying to get a new approach to industrial strategy. They are all working hard in the sector working parties.

I sometimes wish the Opposition would pay credit to the way in which they are doing it.

Welsh nationalists seek to widen assembly powers

An amendment to transfer certain powers in relation to local government from the Secrdtary of State for Wales to the Welsh Assembly was urged by Plaid Cymru MPs during a debate on minor Government amendments to the Wales Bill.

When committee stag eof the Bill was resumed for the third allotted day under the guillotine,

Mr John Smith, Minister of State, rivy Council Office (North Lanarkshire, Lab), moved the first *of a series of minor Government* amendments correcting Schedule 2 of the Bill (Existing Statutory Functions).

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru) said that an amendment tabled by his party and considered with the Government amendments broadened the issue. It brough in the whole question of local government relations with the assembly, albeit in the context of the Boundary Commission and related matters.

He wanted to stress the dissatisfaction in Wales with local government after reorganization by the last Conservative Government.

Most areas where there was wide concern in Wales related to the growth of bureaucracy and clogging the system of local government because of the structure. One aspect often stressed to him was that of planning.

He was told that if planning applications were returned, reversed, or stopped at every possible step at which they could be disputed by the various local authorities, they could go back and forth on 24 occasions under the present set-up. That led to dissatisfaction and irritation.

The split of planning functions had led to a worsening of the situation. There was a large area of overlap between different levels of local government.

There was a duplication of services and functions which were inevitably needed to sustain district and county councils, including the legal, financial, and computer services.

The Bill provided that functions of the Secretary of State under the Local Government Act, 1972, in *relation to changes in local* government areas, should be retained by him. The Plaid Cymru amendment provided that those functions should be discharged by the assembly.

This included the power to direct the Welsh Boundary Commission to conduct a review of Wales as a whole, or of any local authority area or areas, or parts of areas.

They were precisely the kind of function which could and should be discharged by the assembly.

Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey, (Lab) said that any recommendations the assembly made on the reorganization of local government would come to central Government. It would be for the government of the day to decide whether to proceed on the recommendations. They might decide to leave things as they were

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L) said it was taking an impossibly pessimistic view that Wales could not elect to its own assembly men and women capable of doong a first class job.

No powers should go to the assembly from local government. All powers to the assembly should derive from the Secretary of State and the House.

Mr Geraint Morgan (Denbigh, C) said that Wales suffered more than any other part of the United Kingdom from the unsettling uncertainty of the seemingly endless talk about local government reorganization during the period after the war. Wales was the guinea pig area upon which local government commissioners first go tto work.

Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Lab) said thst one of the first jobs of the assembly should be to draw up plans fo ra more sensible reorganization of local government. Local government was very much a key feature of the assembly proposals.

Mr Wyn Roberts, an Opposition spokesman on Wales (Conway, C) said there was deep concern among the county authorities in Wales about the transfer of supervision *of their statutory functions to the* assembly and he requirement that the assembly review the structure of local government and allocate rate support grant.

Their feelings are exacerbated (he said) because they know, we know, and the rest of Wales knows, that the supervision of local authorities and their possible reduction in every sense to be puppets of the assembly, is part of the price Wales will have to pay for the assembly.

Mr Alec Jones, Under Secretary for Wales (Rhondda, Lab) said the Government could not accept the Plaid Cymru amendment. The determination of local government boundaries was bound up with local government structure and electoral matters which must be reserved properly for legislation by the House.

They differed on who should carry out a review of local government.

The assembly would be an elected and democratic body and it would be a body which, in the ultimate, would have some major responsibility for superviding local *government in Wales. That was* why they had introduced the wording in Clause 13 dealing with the matter, that it was best carried out by the elected assembly.

The assembly could then recommend the scrapping of one or other tier of local government, modifying existing structures or leaving structures as they were. With a review, all views could be examined and recommendations.

When the guillotine on this part of the Bill fell, the Government amendments to Schedule 2 were agreed to. The Plaid Cymru amendments were not pressed.

Schedule 2 was carried by 222 votes to 193—Government majority, 29.

Clause 11 (Cultural and other activities) was carried by 223 votes to 191—Government majority, 32.

Clause 13 (Review of local government structure) was carried by 213 votes to 206—Government majority, seven.

Trawlermen urged to report their whereabouts

The loss of the Scottish fishing vessel Enterprise should emphasize to fishermen who were reluctant to disclose their fishing positions, the importance of radio contact, Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary for Trade (Hackney, Central, Lab) said in reply to a privste notice question.

He said the last known position of the Enterprise was recorded on February 23, but the Coastguard were not informed about anxiety about the vessel until February 28.

An extensive search was discontinued on March 2 when nothing was found. A preliminary inquiry was ordered on March 1.

Mr Douglas Henderson (East Aberdeenshire, Scot Nat)—In the light of this appalling tragedy, he should invite the industry to reconsider a system of position reporting so that, as far as possible, every precaution is taken to ensure that the Coastguard knows where boats are at all times.

Mr Davis—At a meeting in June 1977, the Scottish Fishermen's Federation reviewed the reporting arrangements then in force for vessels fishing on more distant grounds.

Unfortunately, despite efforts by the Coastguard to try and enforce this voluntarily, there has, unwisely, been a reluctance on the part of fishermen to disclose their fishing whereabouts.

Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L)—When the full inquiry is made, the adequacy of radio links around the coast should be examined.

Mr Davis—It is not so much the adequacy of radio links, but a reluctance by fishermen to disclose their fishnig positions.

I hope the impact of this tragedy will emphasize to them how important it is to ensure there is radio contact so situations of this kind are made clear to the Coastguard at the earliest opportunity.

Mothers with children in prison

Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written reply, said—On February 28, 1978, 26 women had their children with them in custody; five were located at Holloway, nine at Styal and 1 at Askham Grange prison.

Five of the mothers were serving borstal sentences for burglary (two) and theft (three). One was awaiting trial for theft and two were awaiting deportation

Of the 27 children (one mother has twins), 10 were under three months old; three between three and six months; seven between six and nine months; four between nine and 12 months; one betwee 12 and 15 months and two between 15 and 18 months.

New MP

Mr Vivian Bendall, the new Conservative MP for Redbridge, Ilford, North, was introduced and took iris seat, amid Conservative cheers.

Mobility allowance Bill

House of Commons

Mr Anthony Newton (Braintree, C) was given leave to introduce the Disabled Persons (Mobility after Retirement) Bill to authorize payment from the National Insurance Fund to persons over pensionable age of a mobility allowance equivalent to any mobility allowance awarded to them before reaching that age.

He said the mobility allowance, introduced to help severely disabled people with the financial problems of getting about, had had more than its fair share of controversy.

There had been controversy about the cut-off at pensionable age. At the very poont where severely disabled people faced the general financial problems of retirement, the Government were going to add to those problems by taking away from them a gross extra income of £520 a year. This was a heartless situation which he wanted to change.

The Bill's purpose was to stop it happening. The cost of the proposal had been estimated by the Government at £2,500,000—equivalent to one working day's loss by the British Steel Corporation.

About 5,000 people would be affected in the first year that the allowance started to be withdrawn in 1980.

The Bill was read a first time.



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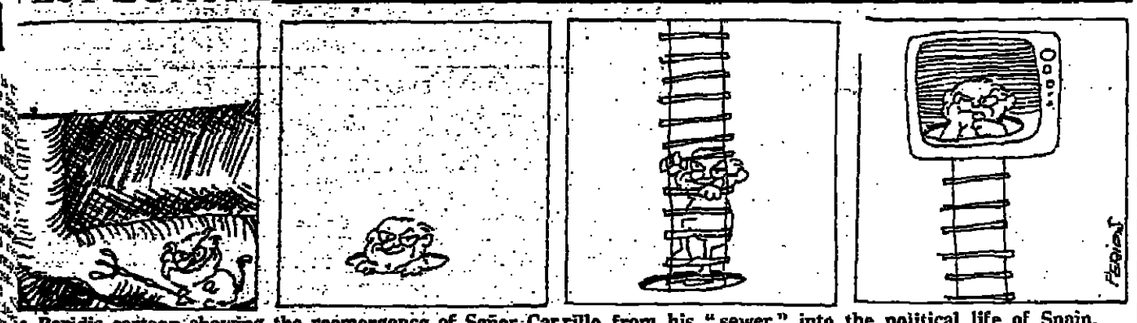
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VEST EUROPE



e Peridis cartoon showing the reemergence of Señor Carrillo from his "sewer" into the political life of Spain.

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...Franco the target of lampoons in Spain

...m William Chislen
...drid, March 7

...ecords of General Franco's ... message are being sold ...e along with cassettes of ...eches by Communist ...ders; in Portugal copies of ...n Kampf lie next to porno... ...blic magazines. The anoma... of the transitions in the ...rian peninsula from dictator... ...to democracy are glaring.

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... Spain the boom really ...ted only last June, about ... time of the first free ...eral election in 41 years. ... Spain now has a flourishing ...azine and newspaper indus... There are now 10 daily ...spapers in Madrid, four of ... started since General ...nco's death in November, ... and eight in Lisbon— ... were 12 at the height of ... post-coup fervour but four have ceased publication.

"We had the same experience as Spain, but the Portuguese are now bored and everything has died down", Senhor Alfredo Duarte Costa, the former head of Anop, the official Portuguese news agency, told me. In Spain the novelty has not yet worn off.

In Madrid you can buy General Franco's recorded speeches, books about him, medallions and a set of colourful wall tiles bearing his last testament to his people: "Do not forget that the enemies of Spain and of Christian civilisation are alert. Be on your guard, and against them lay down your lives. ..."

In February the publishers Sedmay started a weekly series called *The History of Francoism* which followed a series by one of Spain's leading cartoonists, "Forges", called *The Last 40 years* in which he depicted the Franco era hilariously. Both are selling well.

Under the dictator, cartoonists dared not lampoon politicians without running the risk of appearing before a court. Now not even King Juan Carlos escapes the pens of cartoonists, and satirical magazines like *La Cordoniz make even Private Eye* look a little tame.

The most incisive cartoonist is Peridis of *El Pais*. His daily cartoons were recently assembled in a best-selling book with commentaries by some of the people he depicts including Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, who praises him to the skies. The book, for the initiated, is the best record of the transition period and Peridis has the kind of following enjoyed by the Peanuts strip.

Señor Suárez's nose seems to get longer every day and the column upon which he sits higher or lower depending upon his standing with the opposition. Señor Santiago Carrillo, the Communist leader has emerged from his sewer and cast off his pointed ears, tail and pitchfork to pursue other politicians (the Franco regime sustained the myth of Communists as monsters).

Politicians were grey figures in the dictatorship. Now they are vibrant and in the public eye. When Señor Carrillo was asked last June what would happen if the right-wing Popular Alliance won the elections, he replied: "I would have to return to the sewer of Peridis."

It is a surreal situation. Most of Franco's press laws still exist, but are rarely applied. The boundary is not clear.

The first issue of a blatantly republican fortnightly magazine, *Acción Republicana*, appeared in February without problems, while in the same week magistrates ordered the imprisonment, *pending trial, of five* journalists of Saida, an extreme left magazine. A press law passed last April outlaws attacks on the monarchy.

Political cabaret is becoming a hit, but it is eclipsed by risqué shows in nightclubs where very little is left to the imagination.

OVERSEAS

Warning from American miners' leader that many men will defy court order to resume work

From David Cross
Washington, March 7

Some striking coal miners will obey a federal order to return to work, but others will undoubtedly stay out, Mr Arnold Miller, the president of the United Mine Workers' Union, predicted today as the first steps were taken to secure a court injunction.

A three-member board set up by President Carter under the terms of the so-called Taft-Hartley Act began its investigation into the strike last night and is expected to report back later this week. The Administration will then seek a court order to force the miners to return to work for up to 80 days while negotiations between the miners and the coal owners resume.

Miners who have been interviewed since Mr Carter's move are *ruling of possible* bloodshed and harder times. Mr Scott Shield, a union official from Vinton, Ohio, said that his members had made sacrifices during the three months of strike and were unlikely to give in now.

The coal owners did not agree to pay higher wages immediately, as the President had proposed, but said that these would be forthcoming retrospectively if agreement on a new contract was reached.

If many miners do refuse to go back, the Administration will have no choice but to ask the courts to fine or jail dislonger eligible to receive food senters. Continued defiance would mean the miners are no stamps or other federal assistance which has been sustaining many of them during the stoppage.

State and local authorities are being asked to keep the peace in the coalfields if the return-to-work order is defied. In a telegram to governors of the coal-producing states, Mr Carter said that he had instructed the Attorney-General "to work closely with you to make sure the law is obeyed, that violence is avoided and that the health, safety and welfare of all coizens is protected".

Leading article, page 17

Dr Owen to consult Mr Vance on Rhodesia

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, flies to Washington today to confer with Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, about the next moves on a Rhodesia settlement.

The immediate question concerns Anglo-American tactics at the Security Council debate in New York this week, when the "internal settlement" signed last week in Salisbury is expected to be hotly denounced by most of the African delegates.

Bishop Muzorewa, the leading black signatory of the Salisbury agreement, left London for Washington yesterday, to explain his views to Mr Vance before, as he hopes, putting his case at the Security Council. Dr Owen has not decided whether he will attend the debate himself, it was stated last night.

Mr Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, expressed the anxieties of some of the African Commonwealth members about the internal settlement, when he met Bishop Muzorewa yesterday. They regarded the Anglo-American proposals as the only practical framework for the transfer of power, Mr Ramphal said, and believed that sanctions against Rhodesia should remain in force.

The weakness of the new agreement, in their view, was that it excluded the Patriotic Front and left power in the hands of the Smith regime.

Michael Hornsby writes from Brussels: Dr Owen was encoured by his Community colleagues today to persevere with what he described as the Government's "present cautious approach" to the internal settlement.

The Foreign Secretary pointedly compared the "very great deal of scepticism" expressed by the EEC foreign ministers today about the Salisbury agreement, with the strong pressure he was under from the Conservative Party at home to jump in with an endorsement of it.

There was general agreement among the foreign ministers, Dr Owen said, that the aim should be to "keep open a dialogue with all nationalists and parties to the dispute", including Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, the Patriotic Front leaders.

The ministers also agreed, according to Dr Owen, that the EEC strategy at the United Nations should be to prevent a polarization on the issue during Security Council discussions.

Washington protest at Tito visit

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, March 7

President Tito of Yugoslavia was formally welcomed at the White House this morning by President Carter, who said that the independence and territorial integrity of Yugoslavia was one of the basic foundations of world peace, now and in the future.

The two Presidents spent about an hour together this morning discussing world affairs

There was a small demonstration of Croats, Serbs and Albanian Yugoslavs outside the White House, protesting against the visit. Marshal Tito is to them the personification of the Communist regime that caused them to leave their country.

Opponents of Panama pact change tactics

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, March 7

Opponents of the Panama Canal treaties have suddenly agreed that one of the treaties should be brought to a vote in the Senate by the end of next week. Neitehr side is sure of victory: there are still half a dozen senators who claim that they are undecided.

The opponents apparently considered that mounting a filibuster would be counterproductive. Senator James Allen of Alabama has kept the debate going for six weeks now with amendments and procedural motions.

His object, however, was to defeat the treaties, not to delay them. Some legislation can be killed by endless procrastination; the Panama treaties will hhve to be voted on ventually, and senators, knowing this, were becoming increasingly irritated at Senator Allen's tactics.

Of the 100 senators, 67 will have to vote for the treaties if they are to be ratified. all Senator Allen's amendments have been defeated so far.

The vote next week is on the neutrality treaty, guaranteeing the canal's neutrality after AD2000. anama and the United States have agreed to certain amendments reinforcing American rights in wartime.

The second treaty, which actually hands over th ecanal to Panama by AD2000, is the more important. but clearly if the first treaty passes the Senate it will b emuch more difficult for its opponents to hold up the final vote.

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EEC ministers give pre-election bonus to French farmers

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, March 7

After an all-night meeting in Brussels of EEC ministers of agriculture, Mr Pierre Mehaignerie, the French representative, returned home today with a handsome pre-election bonus for French farmers, even though it was not exactly in the form he had requested.

He came to Brussels yesterday with instructions to seek the support of his EEC colleagues for a freeze until March 20 (one day after the final round of the election) on any increases in the taxes and subsidies on French agricultural trade with the rest of the Community.

The monetary compensatory amounts (MCA), as they are called in EEC jargon, should be adjusted each Monday to take account of the franc's performance on foreign exchange markets during the previous week.

Because of the franc's recent dcline, the European Commission this week increased the French MCA rate from 21.5 to 23 per cent. The French refused to apply the new rate, arguing that the franc's fall was an erratic fluctuation caused by pre-election jitters raher than by economic conditions.

A higher MCA rate means higher taxes on French farmers' export earnings as well as bigger subsidies on food imports.

The ministers, including Mr John Silkin, the British Minister of Agriculture, eventually agreed reluctantly to approve a series of measures that would have much the same effect as what the French had demanded.

These provide for a devaluation of the "green" franc by 1.2 per cent, an agreement until the end of this month to base weekly MCA adjustments on the currency's average performance over the previous three weeks, and a pledge by the Commission to submit a proposal next month for reducing import subsidies on pig meat.

This would reduce the subsidy from its present level of £213 a tonne to about £180 and is an unexpected bonus for Britain. Mr Silkin has for months been arguing vainly for reducing these subsidies on the ground that they are undercutting British producers.

The devaluation of the "green" franc, the artificial exchange rate used in EEC farm trade, will offset the franc's depreciation and thus remove the need to raise MCAS. It will also give French farmers an immediate price rise.

Cooler reception likely for Mr Begin in US

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, March 7

President Carter is preparing himself for the visit next week of Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister. Although all Middle Eastern visitors are important, this visit is clearly more important than most. If the peace initiative launched by President Sadat of Egypt last November is to succeed, Mr Carter will have to make some progress with the Israelis.

Relations between the two governments have deteriorated sharply since Mr Begin first came here as Prime Minister last summer. He was then received by the Government and newspapers as a prophet in Israel and everything he said was treated completely uncritically. He seemed to have conjured the Palestinians out of existence and everyone who questioned his views was thought most unreasonable.

Things have changed, largely because of his policy of encouraging Jewish settlements in occupied territory and because of Mr Sadat's spectacular propaganda success in going to Jerusalem. There are now public disagreements between America and Israel and there is a great deal of public criticism of Mr Begin.

Mr Carter told some Congressmen this morning that he feared that Israel was thinking of denouncing United Nations resolution 242, calling for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories. He issued a public warning on the matter last week, saying that it was essential to adhere to the resolution in the search for peace. Mr Begin apparently thinks that "withdrawal from occupied territory" need not mean a complete withdrawal from the West Bank, to which he has offered autonomy.

Meanwhile, Mr Ezer Weizmann, the Israeli Minister of Defence, has come here to talk with officials at the Pentagon about Israel's defence needs.

In a leading article today *The New York Times* says that Mr Begin's policy towards the West Bank is "a position of historical bad faith and tactical folly".

It adds: "Israel's friends in the United States owe it a timely warning of the dis- from Mr Begin's present stance." *The New York Times* is America's most important newspaper and it happens to be owned by a Jewish family.

David Watts writes from Cairo: Shaken by the vehemence of anti-Palestinian feeling in Egypt, leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) have started a campaign to try and mitigate its effects.

Two leaders of the PLO have started a series of meetings with political leaders to head off Government plans to withdraw privileges from the local Palestinian community after as assassination by Palestinians of Mr Youssef Sibai, Editor-in-Chief of *Al Ahram* at a Nicosia hotel last month.

Mr Mamdough Salem, the Prime Minister, announced last week that the Palestinian community, about 150,000 strong, would infuture be treated like other foreigners and lose the privileges granted them after the war of 1956. The proposal has yet to be approved by the Egyptian Parliament but, given the ruling party's majority, that is only a technicality.

Carter sister at hospital to pray for shot publisher

Lawrenceville, Georgia, March 7.—Mr Larry Flynt, the millionaire publisher of sex magazines, underwent a second operation early today after being shot here yesterday by an unidentified person. His condition remained critical.

Mrs Ruth Carter Stapleton, President Carter's evangelist sister, went to the hospital and said she was praying for Mr Flynt. She met him last year when he declared himself a "born-again" Christian.—Reuter.

...journalists rate ...orst in survey ... heart disease

...n Our Own Correspondent
...ns, March 7

...ne out of every four jour... ...ts in Athens suffers from ...t problems, according to a ...ey by the University of ...ens. For pensioners, the in... ...nce is higher: one out of ... retired journalists has a ...iac ailment.

Journalists, physicians and ... drivers claim the three ... places in the incidence of ...t distase in Greece". Pro... ...r Spyros Kritsikis, who ... in charge of the survey. "This is due to the bad ...ts imposed by the nature ...heir work, the stress, and ...onus of responsibility."

...e led a team of 40 experts ...arrying out the survey, ...h involved somm 800 ...k journalists.

King and pretender reconciled

Madrid, March 7.—King Juan Carlos and Prince Carlos Hugo de Bourbon Parma, a pretender to the Spanish throne, met today, ending a 150-year-old dynastic feud that provoked three civil wars.

Prince Carlos, who was alowed to return from exile last October, had a private audience with the King, a distant cousin, and said afterwards: "It was very cordial and I am very satisfied."

The prince, who is leader of the left-wing Carlist party, told reporters recently that he no longer had ambitions to occupy the throne. He is a French national, married to Princess Irene of Holland, but has applied for Spanish citizenship. He was expelled from Spain in 1968 on the order of General Franco.

The split in the Bourbon family occurred in 1833, when Ferdinand VII died and his brother, Don Carlos, disputed the right to the throne of Isabel II, the king's daughter. The feud led to three Carlist wars.

The Carlists, largely based in the northern province of Navarre, backed General Franco in the Civil War but under the prince have moved to the left, advocating socialism and workers' control.—Reuter.

M Giscard hesitates over last-minute TV plea

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, March 7

The French Elections

French political circles are speculating whether President Giscard d'Estaing will make a aast minute television appearance befoe the first ballot in the parliamentary elections next Sunday.

He is reported to be still hesitating whether to commit himself wholly and unequivocally in the electoral battle. But he came one step closer today in a speech at the Elysee Palace to 25 chairmen of regional economic and social councils.

"Let there be no mistake", he said. "The French economy is still delicate. It would not long resist, eiteer in its prices or nn its currency, the whirlwind of electoral promises. At a time when Frenchmen are searching their souls, they msst not forget that in the world in which we live, where nothing can be had for nothing, where people give nothing away to one another, any weakening of our economy would cost the country dear.

"I hope in days to come, Frenchmen will display the same qualitees of judgment and discernment, that they will come to distinguish between what is real and what is pretence, what is illusion and hwat is hope.

M Barre, the Prime Minister, whose political presence is becoming more assertive since the threw himself into the electoral battle, declare dat a public meeting in Caen last night: "The Socialsits have signed a commOn programme with the Communists which they know is a danger to the country. They are caught in a trap."

M Francois Mitterand, the Slcialist leader, had played with fire. "He has signed a pact, as Faust did, to recover his lost youth. Now the day of reckoning has come." Some Socialists said they would be the best bulwark against the Communists, but he did not see M Mitterand in this role.

M Barre went on: "What Frenchmen need is not dreams but hope, and hope is based on lucidity, courage, and will. Our survival is at stake. There is no way other than sustained and collective effort."

CIA convinced that Israel got missing uranium

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, March 7

A classified report that fell into the wrong hands last week shows that the Central Intelligence Agency believes that Israel has taken steps to get plutonium with which it could make atomic weapons.

The document does not make clear what the sources of the plutonium were, but it implies that it comes from the Israeli nuclear reactor at Dimona in the Negev, from an American nuclear plant at Apollo, Pennsylvania, and from the diversion of 200 tons of unenriched uranium from Europe in 1968.

The interior committee of the House of Representatives has been investigating the Apollo case for some time. Various reports suggest that considerable quantities were either lost through faulty accounting procedurs, or were diverted to improper uses.

The committee was told by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that there had been no criminal diversion of the uranium. The committee insisted, however, on a more detailed investigation.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission concluded that som uranium might well have been divert4d, and that a witness had misled it in asserting the contrary. A much-abbreviated version of the NRC report was published last week.

One page of classified material was included in a copy of the 30-page release—and that copy went fortuitously to an anti-cuclear action group, whichbromptly released it to the press. The page was part of evidence given to the NRC by a CIA official.

He said that as far as the agency was concerned, the question of whether Israel had managed to divert some uranium in 196 8 was academic, because the Domina reactor, which was last inspected in 1969, and then cursorily, had been producing plutonium since then in sufficient quantities to give Israel any amount it needed.

Other phrases in the testimony suggest that the official, Mr Carl Ducket, was talking about the Apollo nuclear plant. He said that a CIA "national intelligence estimate" prepared in 1968 showed that Israel had acquired nuclear weapons by diverting uranium.

This estimate was shown to President Johnson by Mr Richard Helms, who was then CIA director. Mr Johnson instructed him to tell either Mr Dean Rusk, who was then Secretary of State, or Mr Robert McNamara, who was Secretary of Defence.

Mr Helms remembers no such episode. Mr Ducket's testimony also refers to a "shipment of 200 tons of unenriched uranium from Argentina which had been diverted to Israel through a West German cut-out".

This is presumably a reference to the cargo ship Scheersburg A, which disappeared in November 1968 en route from Antwerp to Genoa with 200 tons of uranium on board, and which reappeared later without its cargo.

However, the missing Scheersburg cargo came from Zaire, not Argentina. Presumably Mr Ducket's memory was confused, unless there is more than one 200-ton load of uranium missing.



...erman print lockout ends ...t strike will continue

...nn, March 7.—West Ger... newspaper publishers ...unced today they were ...g their 48-hour lockout ... urged the printers' union ...all off its strike against ... newspaper plants. But the ...n said it planned to con... ... strikes against news... ...rs in Munich, Kassel, ...pertal and Dusseldorf.

... a statement, the pub... ...rs said they would take ...er measures if the ...ers did ot call off their ...e. The statement did not ...what it might be.

...e dispute, which started ... month over the introduction of computerized printing equipment, has closed more than 100 West German newspapers, including the country's largest dailies.

It began when the union called selective warning strikes against newspaper plants in support of demands for guarantees that no jobs would be lost through the introduction of computerized equipment.

Last weekend the union decided to call unrestricted strikes against five newspaper plants. The publishers retaliated with a lockout.—AP and UPI.

San Marino poll likely to be held in May

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, March 7

The Grand and General Council of San Marino, the republic's Parliament, has been convoked for March 20 when it is expected to vote for its own dissolution with a general election likely in May.

This is the only way a general election can be called in San Marino, where the council is sovereign.

The conservative and left-wing forces in the council hold 30 seats each and the Christian Democrats refuse to follow Rome's example of accepting communist collaboration.

Britons jailed in Holland for drug smuggling

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, March 7

Five Englishmen were sentenced to prison terms ranging from two to five months by a court in Arnhem today for having smuggled 100 lb of hashish worth about £190,000 from Iran into The Netherlands.

Robert Whitelaw, aged 28, of Stourbridge, West Midlands, Michael Hayes, aged 28, formerly of Birmingham, and Robert Lightfoot, aged 25, of Birmingham, were each sentenced to four months and Geoffrey Wall, aged 28, of Solihull, West Midlands, to two months.

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...ks between Britain and ... on the future of Gib... are to resume in Paris ...arch 15, the Foreign Office ...nced yesterday.

... attacks left

...ne, March 7—About 300 ...ne leftist students armed ... iron bars attacked Com... ...t youths meeting at Rome ...rsity today. Police used ...as to break up the fight.

Terror trial put off because of searches

Stuttgart, March 7.—The trial of two terrorists on charges of murdering three American soldiers was postponed to Wednesday next week shortly after its resumption today because the Federal Constitutional Court had refused to suspend special security measures in the court-room.

Counsel for Irmgard Moeller, aged 30, and Bernhard Braun, 33, had asked the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe yesterday for an injunction barring strip searches and other security measures in force for the trial.

The court rejected the request and ordered the trial to continue. The lawyers submitted to searches today but refused to bring briefcases, which would have been searched.

Officials said that such measures were necessary because some lawyers in previous terrorist trials had smuggled weapons and contraband to their clients in briefcases and in their underwear.

The defendants, who are serving prisonterms for membership of criminal organizations, are charged with taking part in the 1972 bomb attack on the United States Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg in which the three soldiers were killed. They are also charged with attempteds murder in connexion with bomb attacks in Augsburg and Karlsruhe.—AP.

OVERSEAS

Zaire President says plotters intended to murder his children

Kinshasa, March 7.—Troops have arrested 91 plotters against President Mobutu and executed 14 conspirators implicated in another uprising, the official Zaire news agency said today, quoting President Mobutu as its source.

President Mobutu said the rebels had plotted to kill his children in the hope of provoking his resignation, the agency added.

His wife died in a Swiss hospital last October and the plotters hoped the additional blow would both shake him and destroy international confidence in his regime, the President was quoted as saying.

Fourteen rebel leaders had already been executed and 67 officers and 24 civilians would go on trial tomorrow for their part in the plot.

The execution of the 14 confirmed in part a report made by the Independent Zaire committee in Brussels which said the men were hanged in public while a crowd of schoolchildren danced and sang the praises of President Mobutu.

The committee said the 14 were alleged to be ringleaders of an uprising in the Idiofa area, 280 miles east of Kinshasa. Troops massacred 2,000 people in crushing the uprising in January, it claimed.

Today's agency report did not mention a massacre. It said an Army commando group had intervened in the Idiofa region to "neutralize rebel elements" It had rescued a Belgian Jesuit priest, identified as the Rev Julien Close, from the hands of the insurrectionaries. According to the agency, the 14 ringleaders were court-martialled.

The agency did not say whether there was any link between the Idiofa uprising and last month's reported attempt to start a campaign of sabotage and terrorism.

Again quoting President Mobutu, the agency said the plotters intended to blow up the Matadi-Kinshasa oil pipeline, the Inga hydro-electric dam across the Congo river, shops, cinemas, newspaper buildings and the embassies of France and Morocco.

These two countries last year helped President Mobutu to put down the revolt in Shaba (formerly Katanga), which was said to have originated in neighbouring Angola. The agency said rebels who escaped from the Shaba rebellion were also responsible for instigating the Idiofa uprising.

According to President Mobutu, the rebellion was promoted by three foreign countries, of which one was *African. He appeared to be* referring to Angola, with which Zaire is on hostile terms, and its allies, the Soviet Union and Cuba.

He said the hostile countries "had attempted to put a spoke in the wheel of the Zairean regime and to discredit the country and its chief".

Having failed, "the three countries conceived a campaign of urban terrorism in 1978".

President Mobutu promised that the plotters, who were not identified, would receive a "democratic" trial in the headquarters of the Defence Ministry in Kinshasa. The agency said 13 had been allowed to consult lawyers.—UPI and Reuter.

When equality of opportunity means hard toil but few of its fruits

Soviet women given day off from 'liberation'

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, March 7

In the corridors of ministries men can be seen scurrying along with armfuls of brightly wrapped little parcels. On the streets, old women with bunches of mimosa do a brisk trade.

In the private markets, Georgians charge exorbitant prices for tulips and daffodils flown up by the caseload from the sunny south. In schools, children struggle with paste and crayons to make cards. Moscow is preparing for one of the four big Soviet holidays tomorrow: International Women's Day.

According to the Soviet encyclopaedia, March 8 was marked in this country before the revolution. It was considered a "day of international solidarity and the struggle for economic, social and political equality" by workers in St Petersburg in 1913. After 1917 it became a general day of solidarity. Only in 1965, however, was it declared an official holiday.

Since then March 8 has become one of the most popular Soviet holidays. It comes at just the right moment.

March is the cruellest month in Russia. Snow has been on the ground for five months, by now it is dirty and depressing. This year, as often, there have already been a few false starts to spring, bringing slush to the streets.

These are followed not by trees blossoming but by another cold spell and more snow. People are tired of winter and generally rather irritable. The March 8 holiday is an important break.

Each man is expected to buy a gift for his wife, mother or female colleague. Wrapping paper is decorated with the figure 8 and cards fill the shops. Flowers, chocolate and perfume are never in greater demand.

Today the air freight terminal at Moscow airport was filled with boxes of gladioli from Egypt and other flowers from Poland.

The holiday is meant to honour Womanhood (as opposed to Motherhood). In schools the girls are ushered outside class, while the boys place cards of congratulations on their desks.

In factories all women workers are given presents bought from trade union funds.

On the streets red flags have already gone up and the party slogans about the role of women will fill the press and television screens tomorrow. President Brezhnev and the Politburo attended a special reception in the Bolshoi Theatre this afternoon to pay tribute to the achievements of Soviet women. Particularly successful women are honoured publicly and receive bonuses.

Women, who still outnumber men by a substantial margin, constitute more than 51 per cent of the Soviet work force. Some professions, teaching and medicine for example, are almost the exclusive preserve of women. Many of the heavy or dirty jobs are filled by women: clearing snow, painting houses and driving tramcars, for instance.

The life of Soviet women is not easy. The seeming equality of opportunity has its limits: there the few women in senior party or government positions, as senior scientists or trade union officials.

There has been only one woman member of the Politburo, and women still have to contend with the attitude of the typical Soviet male to housework and domestic duties.

Soviet women have little time or opportunity to do what the state would like them to do: produce children. The low birth and high divorce rates in the European part of the Soviet Union have long been a cause for official concern. Soviet sociologists have suggested recently that the emancipation of women may have gone too far.

Nevertheless, these worrying trends will not be mentioned tomorrow. All will be kisses and congratulations, chocolates and celebration.



Soviet men queue outside a Moscow shop to buy flowers for their womenfolk on International Women's Day.

Ethiopians claim big advance in Ogaden

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, March 7

Ethiopian sources today claimed that their forces were advancing beyond Jijiga into the Ogaden plain, with Deghabur as their next objective. Other Ethiopian forces were reported to be advancing from Bawe, further south, to cut the Somali communications.

Unconfirmed reports from Addis Ababa said that the Ethiopian forces, led by Cuban and Soviet troops, had reached the Somali border 50 miles north-east of Jijiga, close to the Somali military supply base of Borama.

In Harer yesterday thousands of people joined in mass demonstrations to welcome the news of the Ethiopian victories, Addis Ababa radio said. The Ethiopians claim that Somali troops are surrendering in thousands, or are fleeing in disarray.

No further details of the fighting have come from the Somali side, where officials of the Western Somali Liberation Front had earlier denied that they had lost Jijiga. The Front, however, admitted that its forces were under heavy pressure from Cuban and Soviet forces.

Ethiopian officials in Addis Ababa said that the railway line between Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa would be operating again by the end of this week.

The reopening of railway communications to Dire Dawa will ease the supply problems of the Ethiopians, but the line remains closed between Dire Dawa and the *Djibouti border*. There has been no news of Ethiopian military operations along the railway line to Djibouti, but the Ethiopian authorities are anxious to reopen this line so taht traffic can again move through Djibouti.

Mogalshu: Somali insurgent leaders here have lo*t direct contact with the rebel forces at Jijiga, further cloudng the progress of the battle for control of the northern Ogaden. A spokesman for the rebels said, however, that the latest "second band" information indicated there was still fierce fighting. "Ths is a big battle and not the usual *kirmish", he added.—AP.

Conference left up in the air after 'hijack'

From Richard Davy
and Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, March 7

Thirty-four countries, including the world's two superpowers, have been more or less hijacked by the Maltese Government and held hostage here since Saturday. No rescue party arrived today, although the British and Italian envoys in Malta have been talking with Mr Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister.

Consequently the follow-up meeting to the Helsinki conference on security and cooperation in Europe still cannot proceed to its destination. With mounting impatience, the hijackers' victims, who have been working here since October, stand poised to deliver 35 concluding speeches, assent to a brief concluding document and head gratefully for home.

They cannot move without Maltese asent. The rules demand unanimous agreement and the Maltese will not accept the concluding document as it stands.

They have already achieved considerable success by getting the meeting to agree that the states taking part will meet in Malta to discuss Mediterranean *cooperation in economic scientific* and cultural fields, but this is not enough. They demand a more open mandate to admit discussion of security problems.

East and West find themselves united in opposing this because it would expose delicate problems such as Arab-Israeli and Greco-Turkish relations to the hurly-burly of a wide open meeting

Soviet 'no' to inquiry in Cambodia

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, March 7

The british proposal that allegations of mass killings in Cambodia be investigated met strong Soviet opposition today in the 32-nation United Nations Human Rights Ocmmission.

Mr Valerian Zorin, the Soviet delegate, described the allegations as without basis and politically inspired. Press reports were unreliable, he added.

Mr Edward Mezvinsky, the United States delegate, criticized Russia for the arrests of about 15 citizens "whose only crime was to monitor their Government's implementation of the Helsinki final act".

In reply, Mr Zorin said the human rights slogan had become a weapon in psychological warfare, which could lead to a resumtion of the cold war.

He referred to the case of John Harris, a black American "waiting to die in the electric chair" on Friday, the day the commission session ends.

Party heir apparent dies in Libya crash

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, March 7

Two prominent members of the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party were killed in a helicopter crash near Tripoli in Libya last night.

They were named as Werner Lamberz, a Politburo member in charge of information and propaganda, and Paul Markowski, the head of the international relations department of the party's Central Committee.

According to reports from Tripoli, two other East Germans, three Libyan officials and the helicopter four-man crew also died in the crash.

Herr Lamberz, the East German delegation leader, received his training in Moscow. He was a former functionary of the communist-led youth organization and made rapid advances in the party apparatus under Herr Erich Honecker, the party leader.

An intellectual who spoke several languages, Herr Lamberz was apparently not very popular with his colleagues. However, he was greatly trusted by Herr Honecker.

Berlin, March 7.—With the death of Herr Lamberz, the East German leadership has lost one of its brightest talents and a possible successor to Herr Nonecker.

Although at 48 the youngest member of the Politburo, the *party's "inner Cabinet", Herr* Lamberz had manoeuvred himself into a position of great influence over foreign affaris and ideology.

When he died he was making his fourth visit in less than a year to Africa and the Middle East, where East Germany has played an important role in coordinating Soviet-block diplomatic and material support for the Arab world and left-wing regimes in Ethiopia and South Yemen.

Although the question of succession is never discussed in the East German press, analysts were struck by Herr Lamberz's prominent role in meetings with visiting foreign dignitaries.—Reuter.

E German leader sees churchmen

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, March 7

Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, met the leadership of the Protestant churches for the first time yesterday. The meeting was reported on the front page of the party organ *Neues Deutschland* today, and was given extensive coverage on East German television last night.

This is taken as a sign that for the sake of internal stability Herr Honecker intends to improve relations between church and state.

Herr Honecker assured Christians of equal rights in higher education, vocational and professional training and careers. *He also* promised the churches broadcasting time on television and authorized them to take pastoral care of prisoners.

Bishop Albrecht Schonherr said in his reply: "The relationship between state and church is as good as the individual Christian citizen, in his specific social situation, experiences it on the spot."

Radical reforms excised from China's constitution

From David Bonavia
Hongkong, March 7

China's new constitution represents a blend of the original provisions of the first formal constitution promulgated in 1954 and social and political development since then. It largely writes off the "radical" reforms of the Cultural Revolution period.

The new constitution, which was presented to the recentll held fifth National People's Congress in Peking, pays special attention to the administrative organization of the provinces and the areas where ethnic minorities live. Although it makes clear that the Communist Party is the dominant force in China, and also insists that citizens must support the party's leadership, it goes into considerable detail on the structure of state administrative organs.

The constitution was last amended n 1975 under the influence of the "radical" faction *which has now been* ousted. At that time it was shortened and streamlined. Now it has been turned into a weightier document than ever before.

Local congresses are given much more power, at least on paper, than they had in the original constitution, and the privileges of ethnic minorities to use their own languages and practise their religion (though it is forbidden to propagate religion) are reaffirmed.

The new minister for ethnic minority affairs is a former imam from horth-western China, whtre Islam used to be practised widely.

The constitution stipulates, in the words of Mao Tse-tung, the right of the people to criticize their leadefs, and the right to strike, which was quite widely taken advantage of in recent years.

Russia executes a former NKVD officer

Moscow, March 7.—Three *Ukrainians convicted of* massacring civilians and children during the Nazi occupation of the Ukraine have been executed by firing squad, according to the newspaper *Pravda Ukrainy*.

The newspaper said that I. I. Simon, P. A. Ishchenko and G. D. Kondratyuk had been found guilty of treason at Zhitomir, in the Ukraine.

Mr Ishchenko had been an officer of the NKVD, the forerunner of the KGB, before Nazi forces occupied the area. Mr Simon had been a Red Army machine-gunner.

The newspaper recalled that 141 people were killed at an old mill near the village of Lipki.

The three herded a group of children close to an open pit full of bodies, then opened fire on them, the newspaper said. All three went unrecognized for 30 years.—UPI and Reuter.

Mr Bhutto to face inquiry inside prison at Lahore

From Our Correspondent
Islamabad, March 7

The special tribunal set up to investigate allegations of corruption and abuse of power by Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, will hold its hearings inside Kot Lakhpat jail, on the outskirts of Lahore, where Mr Bhutto is held.

The tribunal, headed by Mr Justice Shafiur Rahman, a High Court judge, is to begin its hearings on Saturday.

There are six specific charges of abuse of official power, misuse of government funds, violation of foreign exchange regulations and tax evasion.

No reason for holding the hearing inside the jail has been given.

Mr Bhutto had been tried on a murder charge at the Lahore High Court. The concluding stages of the trial were held in camera.

Mr Bhutto, who refused to offer a defence, was accused of having ordered the killing of a political opponent whose father was killed instead.

Judgment in the murder trial is expected at the weekend. It is generally assumed that the ban on political activities imposed last week by the martial law regime was in order to maintain calm on the day the judgment is delivered by the High Court.

Mr Llewellyn recovering

Bridgetown, Barbados, March 7.—Mr Roddy Llewellyn, the companion of Princess Margaret wa* recovering from internal bleeing in hosptal in Barbados today.

The Princess and Mr Llewellyn flew to Barbados on Saturday from the privately owned island of Mustique where the Princess regularly spends her winter holidays.—Reuter.

Plea for pardon by ex-chief minister fails

From Our Correspondent
Kuala Lumpur, March 7

The King of Malaysia today dismissed an appeal for pardon by Datuk Harun Idris, the jailed former Selangor Chief Minister.

Datuk Husain Onn, the Prime Minister, gave warning that any disorder after the rejection of the appeal would be severely dealt with.

Datuk Harun, now recovering from an operation, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment for forgery, fraud and corruption. His appeal to the Privy Council was turned down last month.

His supporters kept him virtual hostage in his own house last week, refusing to let him go to jail and demanding instead that he be pardoned unconditionally. But the courts issued a warrant of committal and arrest on February 28 when he did not turn up in court. He finally surrendered on March 1.

Peking mission of good will arrives in Delhi

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, March 7

A Chinese political good-will mission arrived in Delhi today for a fortnight's visit.

Though unofficial from a standpoint of protocol, this is the first Chinese mission to come to India since the 1962 border war. Its leader, Mr Wang Ping-nan, is due to call on Mr A. B. Vajpayee, the Indian Minister of External Affairs, tomorrow.

Some 150 Tibetan refugees and Indian students staged a demonstration outside the Chinese Embassy before the mission's arrival.

Tiger Moth in Bali

Jakarta, March 7.—Flight-Lieutenant David Cyster, the British pilot making a solo flight from London to Darwin in a Tiger Moth aircraft, landed on Bali today for an overnight stop.

Mr Fraser blames unions for unemployment

From Douglas Aiton
Melbourne, March 7

Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, opened the twenty-seventh general assembly of the International Press Institute in Canberra today with a speech criticizing Australian trade unions.

He said that irresponsible government *spending* compounded by the irresponsibility of trade unions had caused Australia's unemployment problem.

"Unions exploited their growing power to extract higher wages and reduce profits. In retrospect we can now see that the trade-off for higher inflation has increased, not lowered, unemployment."

Mr Fraser rejected the suggestion that Australia should pump more government money into the economy to reduce unemployment. Such a theory was a "misuse of Keynes".

On the press, Mr Fraser said: "I am particularly pleased to talk with an audience of editors, proprietors, and publishers under full public gaze. I make that point because I am occasionally accused, unkindly accused, of spending too much time in conversations with Australian newspaper editors and proprietors.

"Some people, not of course reporters from the press gallery here in Canberra, have the notion that I have a great influence over what the press say about by Government's actions and policies. Of course, one only has to look at the exceptionally flattering political cartoons, or read editorial writers' fulsome praise to understand exactly what influence I have on a newspaper's stance."

The theme of the conference is the developing world. The 250 delegates are expected to concentrate on the problems of journalists in third world countries.

Mr Fraser made a plea for freer treade. "Freer trade will not only lift the standard of living in developing countries but it will also stimulate trade and markets around the world."

In the Western world, the economies had responded to meet the vastly increased demand for cars, washing machines, television sets and "all the other multifarious trappings of the consumer society".

Mr Sean MacBride, the Novel peace prize winner and former Irish Foreign Minister, told the conference that big news agencies were blanketing the world with their news and "the genuine voice and image of the major part of humanity is never really heard".

Mr MacBride, who is 74, is *chairman of the Unesco international* commission for the study of communication problems.

He said that foreign correspondents were disproportionately and insufficiently reporting various parts of the world. He suggested that many people felt that the ffow of information from the big news agencies put the developed world in a privileged position and the majority of mankind in a dependent one.

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THE ARTS

Götz Friedrich on his Idomeneo

Tomorrow at Covent Garden Götz Friedrich tackles Mozart's *Idomeneo* for the first time. Colin Davis, musical director of the Royal Opera House and Friedrich's regular London partner, will be in the pit. Davis has long been determined to put *Idomeneo* in the repertory but Friedrich admits that he has only recently come to love the opera Mozart wrote immediately before *Die Entführung*.

"In the past musicologists have put up too many obstacles. It's only in the past few years we have learnt that works like *La clemenza di Tito* and *Idomeneo* are not pure examples of *opera seria*. For years *Clemenza* was considered as something apart from the rest of major Mozart, but when I was preparing it for Hamburg I appreciated its warmth and humanity. Alas, a fire destroyed that production, but the concept remains in my head.

"It's vital to remember that Mozart wrote *Idomeneo* in the middle of the *Sturm und Drang* period. He studied the theatre and he knew what was happening in literature. Indeed, his first encounter with Schickaneder, who eventually wrote the libretto for *Zauberflöte*, was while he was preparing *Idomeneo* and in his spare time cadged free tickets for the theatre.

"So we've got to consider *Idomeneo* within the *Sturm und Drang* context. Part of the opera concerns the guilt of the older generation: it's tempting to see the relationship between *Idomeneo* and his son Idamante as a reflection of the situation between Wolfgang Mozart and father Leopold. But at the same time there are elements of Wotan in *Idomeneo*, just as Idamante in his loneliness and self-obsession is not so far removed from Goethe's Werther.

"Yet in this opera Mozart is constantly making a break with traditional forms. *Idomeneo* on the surface appears to be given music in the *old style, but convention is* being manipulated for dramatic ends just as in the Queen of the Night's arias many years later. Elettra's numbers are in semi-seria form, with 'Idol mio' in the second act looking forward to the Countess in *Figaro*. The new generation, Ilia and Idamante, are given the new sound, which I can only describe as the Mozart sound; it presages *Così fan tutte* and that is why it is essential to cast the castrato role of Idamante with a female voice.

"Then there is the chorus, which is more important in *Idomeneo* than in any other Mozart opera. It is there right up to the end, when it witnesses Idomeneo's abnegation of power. As in *La forza del destino* the chorus tells the public story in parallel to the private one narrated through the arias. Why did Mozart never again give the chorus such a dramatic and individual voice? The reason is probably that the right forces were not at his disposal."

When *Idomeneo* has been completed *Entführung* will be the only major Mozart opera Götz Friedrich has not staged. "I'm still a little frightened of it. The first difficulty is all those minarets and the Turkish decoration normally associated with that opera. They would all have to go. Perhaps after *Idomeneo* I'll find a way. But Mozart's German operas, *Entführung* and *Zauberflöte*, are far more taxing than his Italian ones. I sometimes think that the tradition of *Singspiel* has a lot to answer for; the prejudice it has generated is responsible for some people believing that a masterpiece such as *Fidelio* is not a true opera."

Friedrich has just had a considerable success with *Falstaff* in Berlin, as Paul Moor reported on this page. His next production at Covent Garden after *Idomeneo* is Verdi's *Macbeth*. Is this part of a Friedrich Shakespeare cycle? "No. After all I have never produced *Otello*. The fascination of staging *Macbeth* and *Falstaff* within a short space of time lies in the contrast between the two works. After the clarity of *Falstaff* I want to emphasize the *Wildheit* of *Macbeth*—it's just like going back from, say, *Cymbeline* to early Shakespeare. People say that I am a logical producer. That's not right. I love the chaos of *Trovatore* and the *blackness of an opera* like *Macbeth*."

Before turning to savage, instinctive man Friedrich will be in contact with a rather different society when he directs *Fledermaus* for the Hamburg State Opera at the end of next month. What shape will this take?

"I don't know yet. I don't believe in arriving at rehearsals with everything fully mapped out. A new production has to be an adventure. My mentor Walter Felsenstein at the Komische Oper used to delight in rehearsing new casts because he claimed, none too truthfully, that he had got it all wrong the first time round. When I stage an opera for the second, fourth, fifth time I try to start all over again.

"So with *Fledermaus* at the moment I have questions rather than statements:

Why is Falke so horrified—and terrified—at being discovered dressed up as a bat?

Why does he know Rosa-own free will?"

Why does Orlofsky not want to laugh and why is he an androgynous figure—is he a prince from Transylvania rather than Russia?

Why does this Viennese society want to dance on the very edge of the volcano?

Is the final ironic joke of *Fledermaus* the fact that everyone ends up in prison of their own free will?"

To find an answer to these questions visit Hamburg on April 30.

John Higgins



The slow evolution of Dark Star

John Carpenter has just received a special British Film Institute Award for "the originality and achievement of his first two films, *Dark Star* and *Assault on Precinct 13*". So formal a citation hardly does justice to the saga of the making of *Dark Star*, now at the Screen on Islington Green.

Born in 1948 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Carpenter was hooked from infancy on both movies and science fiction. "I was only eight years old when I first saw *Forbidden Planet*, but ... the young eyes that watched the invisible *Id* creature make its huge footprints in the sand of Altair 4 and finally saw the thing fully illuminated in the flowing laser beams would never be the same ...". His fate was decreed: "I convinced my parents to send me off to film school, a sort of academic justification for the unnatural motivation".

He had a striking and surprising triumph at the University of Southern California when his *The Resurrection of Broncho Billy* won the Academy Award for the best live action short of 1970. The same year he began *Dark Star*, which started life as a 37 minute, 16mm short about the Cartesian dialogues between the crew of a twenty-second-century space craft and their malevolently malfunctioning bombs. The film played around the West Coast campus circuit, and acquired a small reputation for its young director.

Eventually it was seen by an East Coast entrepreneur named Jack H. Harris, whose other film involvements included *The Devil in Miss Jones* and *Deep Throat*. Harris persuaded Carpenter to blow up his film to 35mm and extend it to feature length, with the collaboration of a fellow-student from USC, Dan O'Bannon.

Dark Star re-emerged as an 83-minute colour feature. It had cost a total of $60,000—"what it costs a major studio to sneeze". Such economy was not achieved easily: "We shot with barely adequate, poorly functioning equipment because we could afford nothing better. Our cameras would rattle and purr like cocktail shakers full of glass. The Coke bottles rammed on the front of the camera were posing as lenses. They wouldn't focus ..." (from an interview in Photon *No* 6, 1975).

Carpenter and O'Bannon won through not by cunning corners but by intelligence and fanatical dedication. O'Bannon spent 11 months on the special effects, mostly accomplished in kitchen sinks and bath tubs; and also acted in a leading role and worked as editor. Carpenter, as director-writer-producer, also wrote the music and the theme song because he could not afford to pay anyone else to do it. They ended up with a film which has rather fewer special effects than *Star Wars* (O'Bannon also did special effects for George Lucas's film, which betrays distinct debts to *Dark Star*), but is for many tastes funnier, wittier and certainly wiser in its speculations on our technological future.

After all that, the end of the fairy tale ought to be that everyone lived happily ever after on their millions; but Hollywood, where "nothing venture, *nothing gain*" has a rather special meaning, does not work like that.

A mere two weeks after the film was finished, one of Jack H. Harris's other film interests seems to have run into difficulties. The *Supreme Court* ordered a number of arrests and Harris's company foundered. *Dark Star* ended up the property of the Supreme Court's *Official* Receiver.

Government departments tend to be tougher to deal with than the stoniest of Californian tycoons; and for a couple of years it looked very much as if *Dark Star* had been swallowed up for good by this great legal whale. That it has finally made it to the screen in this country is due in large part to the imaginative efforts of the BBC's film purchasing department, who not only bought it for television transmission (it went out at Christmas) but also made it available to the London producer-distributor David Hamilton-Grant.

It is still unlikely that John Carpenter will ever see back his tiny investment; but at least *Dark Star* has definitively established his international reputation. For a film-maker like Carpenter it is the next picture that matters, anyway, not the last. "Someone from my home town asked me, 'Why do you want to direct movies? *It's so hard*'. I think I need to create an illusion that lives on a screen for an hour and a half. I can create worlds of fantasy and love and horror and adventure and I hope make people feel them along with me.

"But my answer was simpler. What else is there to do?"

David Robinson

Paul Scofield in new play in Manchester

Paul Scofield will appear in *A Family*, a new play by Ronald Harwood, which the Royal Exchange Theatre Company, Manchester, will present from May 11 until June 3. The casting is not complete, but other parts will be taken by Harry Andrews, Irene Handl, Trevor Peacock and Gary Waldhorn. The director is Casper Wrede.

Ponnelle's Hamburg Don Carlos

Jean-Pierre Ponnelle is the producer of the Hamburg State Opera's new *Don Carlos*, which has its premiere on March 12. The title role will now be sung by Vasile Moldoveanu in place of Veriano Luchetti, who has withdrawn because of illness. Sylvia Sass sings Elisabeth and Bernd Weikl the Marquis of Posa. The opera will be conducted by Rafael Kubelik.

Whose Life Is It Anyway?

Mermaid

Irving Wardle

Appearing within a week of the Norwich inquest on Graham Newman, Brian Clark's play is a thoughtful and well-written contribution to the debate on the medical termination of human life. As such, it is a great rarity in our theatre, which has reliquished the treatment of non-political social issues to television, thereby much enfeebling its own civic role. By placing his work with the Mermaid, Mr Clark may be denying himself the mass impact achieved by television writers like Trevor Griffiths and Jeremy Sandford, but it is quite a thrill to be back in a theatre buzzing with interest over a question of real public importance.

Mr Clark's hero is a young sculptor paralysed from the neck down after a car crash, and confined to an intensive care unit. He will be bedridden for the rest of his life: and, having extracted that fact from the hospital authorities, he briskly rejects all the optimistic offers of reading aids and eyelash typewriters, and demands to be allowed to die: from his point of view he is dead already.

Dramatically, Ken's strength is that of a brilliantly unclouded intelligence trapped inside a ruined body: and he holds on to consciousness with vigilant fanaticism, refusing tranquillizing drues, turning his parents and girlfriend away, and holding out for the one thing that will save him from turning into a vegetable.

The irony of the situation is that the hospital's way of saving him with enforced doses of valium and humiliating manipulation of his inert body, all serve to extinguish the part of him that is still alive. And I doubt whether any British actor could put this point across better than Tom Conti who defies the atmosphere of the sick-room with a wicked, unquenchable vitality, mocking medical protocol with every twist of those sardonic lips and goosing the nurses with his eyeballs. Mr Clark has also written him as a subversive comedian who, for instance, agrees to see an unwanted hospital visitor for fear that the consultant will dissolve her in water and inject her into his blood-stream.

One mark of the play's quality is that its characters continue to grow; and no sooner have you marked Ken down as a joker, than you discover that his gags and sexual banter are a sign of guilt and pain. Likewise the authoritarian consultant, paradoxically first seen as a life-saving tyrant, gets due respect as the action develops into a case fought out between medicine and the law, when Ken invokes a writ of habeas Corpus to achieve his discharge.

In preparing for the final scene, where a judge holds a hearing in the ward, the play investigates the rights of hospitals to detain patients on mental grounds; and with psychiatrists, barristers, and medical staff each approaching the problem from their separate angles, the piece unnervingly shows the liberty of the subject to be at the mercy of well-meaning victims of the *deformation professionelle*. There is never any question to the audience of Ken's sanity; but, as he expresses his Catch-22 predicament, "If you're intelligent enough to put up an invincible case for suicide, that demonstrates that you ought not to die."

Michael Lindsay-Hogg's production has the lucidity and emotional shading one would expect from the television director of Griffiths's *Through the Night* (in some ways a companion piece to this play). The hospital choreography imposed by Alan Tagg's set sometimes makes for fussy movement; otherwise, my strongest recommendation for the play and the performances of Sebastian Shaw, Jane Asher, and Richard Leech.

Lubotsky/Edlina

St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

In the BBC's Monday midday series broadcast from St John's, Smith Square, Mark Lubotsky and Ljuba Edlina began and ended their violin and piano recital yesterday with familiar sonatas by Mozart and Brahms. For centrepiece, however, Mr Lubotsky introduced us to a novelty by Alfred Schnittke.

This was a Prelude in Memory of Shostakovich for violin and tape dating from 1975, the year of the composer's death. The second violin part, joining the first halfway through, can be played by an off-stage fiddler or else pre-recorded on tape. Mr Lubotsky chose the latter solution, making the tape in St John's just before the concert. The work also incorporates Shostakovich's own musical motto theme alongside another made from the name of Bach. Always one of the Soviet Union's bravest explorers, Schnittke showed his ingenuity here in variety of texture. Starting with throbbing single notes (never long forgotten) the music blossoms into trills, plucks, and multiple stopping spiced by discord.

The performance was well-sustained and shapely. Brahms's G major sonata was phrased with much tenderness, though I wondered if the composer intended the first movement to be quite so slow (it is a *vivace* that he qualifies with *ma non troppo*). Over the radio Mr Lubotsky's mellow tone did not always hold its own with the forward-sounding piano, but there were some delightful raindrop semi-quavers from the keyboard in the sonata's *Regenlied* finale.

Television

Dennis Potter's pleasing Thirties

Pennies from Heaven

BBC 1

Michael Ratcliffe

Dennis Potter has described *Pennies from Heaven* as a sextet with music, and while this gives a fair idea of the delicious lightness and perfect pace with which he and his director Piers Haggard brought off the first play, "Down Sunnyside Lane", it does not allow for the unsentimental generosity of the whole enterprise.

Mr Potter has hit on a kind of televisual equivalent of the serialized Victorian novel with, perhaps, *The Good Companions* as the missing link, and into this mixture he has poured a great deal of charity, affection and wit. There seems no reason why the impetus should not be sustained through the unprecedented format of six 75-minute plays, since so much of his own pleasure in the Thirties has gone into it. The effect is never soft, for Priestley-like, too, is the inspired touch of mortal terror in the accordion player, a simple-minded gentleman of the road.

Arthur Parker is a Tin Pan Alley *Mensch* with a song in his heart and many more in his briefcase. He lives in a neat *Metroland villa, all walnut facia* and *eau-de-Nil*, with his little wife Joan, and travels the country selling his songs. Making love to Joan is Arthur's idea of attainable Paradise, one of the rare occasions when his life is as good as his lyrics. It is not, however, Joan's, and when she rejected Arthur's warm fumblings in the cold suburban dawn, he drew open the curtains and let in a dream of gold. "Somewhere", a voice crooned, "the sun is shining", as Arthur mouthed the words. This technique waas used throughout: voice and mimer were often deliberately mismatched, thus keeping the real and the fantastical nicely apart.



Bob Hoskins

In the first play, Arthur hit the road for the music shops of Gloucester, picked up and fed the accordion man, and distantly fell for a pretty blonde *schoolmistress from the Forest* of Dean—the fourth principal in the tale, whom we shall meet at greater length next week. Back in Metroland Joan was almost seduced by a cosmetics salesman, and danced on Arthur's coffin in the lounge to the razzamatazz strains of "I'll be glad when you're dead, you rascal you". This is the beauty of the piece, to allow silly Joan her fantasies, too: they usually come in Hollywood midnight blue, dusted with diamonds.

Kenith Trodd's production is designed by Tim Harvey with a sense of 1935 that steers well clear of parody (as accurate in the Gloucester scenes and along the leisurely A40 as in suburbia) and performed with immense charm by Bob Hoskins as Arthur and with fierce brilliance by Kenneth Colley as the accordion man. Mr Colley's unregarded fit in the gutter was spectacular and terrifying and gave due warning that *Pennies from Heaven*, for all its romancing, has many a dark surprise for us yet.

Panorama

BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

In the years since John Kennedy's murder an obsession about the assassination being a conspiracy rather than the lone work of a mysterious madman has often seemed a sign of mental disturbance. People who appear quite normal have latched on to the Kennedy assassination and treated it like some sort of weird hobby. The rest of us believed the Warren Commission finding, although we knew it had been rather fast work.

This was a sophisticated, perhaps cynical view of the workings of government bodies. Certainly the Warren Commission would get details wrong. Just as surely both the CIA and the FBI would lose information. One had a world weary view of the federal agencies.

The conspiracy theory seemed to border on satire, possibly even exuberant farce. But now for the first time we seemed to be getting some real food for second thoughts. The *Panorama* programme *Who Really Killed Kennedy?* on BBC 1 on Monday was 50 minutes long and packed with information. As it was, that was still too short a time for Michael Cockerell, the reporter, and Tony Summers, the producer, to give viewers more than the headlines and a few paragraphs of the story.

But it was enough time to give any open-minded viewer *second thoughts*. Indeed, *Panorama* managed to open my own very closed mind.

The Congress is now investigating the assassination and all hitherto undisclosed evidence. Evidence of a cover-up is also coming to light. New film of Lee Harvey Oswald, seen on Monday for the first time in Britain, showed him to be far from the neurotic loner we had been led to believe. Also Jack Ruby's connexion with the Mafia, and the CIA's using of the Mafia in its secret war with Fidel Castro was seen to be beyond much of a shadow of a doubt.

Perhaps the most interesting new link between the assassination and the Mafia is the theory that Jimmy Hoffa, the now vanished and believed dead Teamsters' Union leader, wanted to get Robert Kennedy but was quoted as saying John Kennedy must be got out of the way first. Both Kennedys were active in investigation of Mafia-backed unions.

The idea of the CIA using the Mafia at first seems ridiculous, but watching *Panorama* one saw that in an attempt to kill or overthrow Castro the agency would be forced to turn to the Mafia because only the Mafia had real connexions inside Havana.

The Mafia, which earned $100m a year in Havana, had reason to hate the puritanical Castro and to hate John Kennedy who allowed only a most half-hearted attempt at overthrowing Castro with the Bay of Pigs invasion. The investigation, of course, continues, and we shall, without a doubt be seeing much more and experiencing a sense of déjà vu. But judging by Michael Cockerell's report the truth might at last surface and put an end to one of the great tragedies of recent American history.

Ballet Rambert

Sadler's Wells

John Percival

Glen Tetley's latest creation, *Praeludium*, was the centre-piece of Monday night's programme at Sadler's Wells, opening a fortnight's season by Ballet Rambert. I wrote about its Manchester premiere a few weeks ago; seeing it again, even more subtleties become apparent in the gentle, allusive choreography, especially in the role Tetley has made for Christopher Bruce.

The first thing you notice about *Praeludium* is how much Tetley has been inspired by the early Webern quartets he chose as the foundation of the ballet. But the mutual inspiration there must have been between the dancers and the choreographer is hardly less important. He and they both show to better advantage than for some time. Also, it is a special pleasure simply to see Bruce's unique quality as a dancer fully used once more.

Nowadays much of his time seems to be taken up with other tasks, as associate director of the company and as choreographer. His own ballets are a valuable part of what has lately become a limited and uneven repertory. *Promenade*, which opened this programme, is a slight piece, but pretty, even if the latest cast lacks the ability to imply, as its predecessors did, that the characters have a life elsewhere before and after their entries.

A revival of an older work, *Wings*, showed Bruce's creative talent more strongly. The strange, menacing movements for the men, the fastidiously scavenging steps of the women, convey a completely different image of birds from any of your usual dancing swans or bluebirds. It is something imaginative, personal and sharply expressive.

Those are the qualities also of his dancing, and since a dancer's performing life is necessarily limited, the new blossoming of those qualities is doubly welcome. Among the rest of the dancers there is a high proportion of comparative newcomers; the general standard looks skilled, but they have yet to emerge as individuals.

Ustinov's Offenbach rarity

As far as audience success goes, not for a long time has the Deutsche Oper Berlin unveiled a new production to jubilation matching that accorded Peter Ustinov's rollicking production of Offenbach's relatively unknown opéra bouffe *The Bandits*.

It may seem churlish to question such almost unanimous ovations, but even while they continued two things came to mind. Probably the last time I had heard such cheering in this house, it greeted the New Year's Eve premiere of a *Fledermaus* production for which the man who had staged it, Otto Schenk, in my unshakable opinion, deserved nothing so much as to have his jaws soundly boxed. Also, I couldn't help wondering how many of those people cheering *The Bandits* had ever made it across the Wall to the Komische Oper, to see what a theatrical genius like Walter Felsenstein could make of Offenbach when he turned his hand to *Tales of Hoffmann* and *Duke Bluebeard*.

For the third time here in recent months, this production raises the question of what to do when the composer left two versions of a work. *The Bandits* presents us with the original version, exhumed from the publisher's cellar. It plays about three hours and ten minutes with two intervals, perilously long for such frothy stuff, and it contains a real surfeit of spoken dialogue—spoken, incidentally, with admirable lack of accent, in view of the polyglot cast. So much the better, under the circumstances, since one understands scarcely a word they sing.

I won't even try to summarise the downright Byzantine intricacies of the plot. Essentially it has to do with corruption in high places. The Paris of 1869, when the Théâtre des Variétés unveiled this work, presumably provided plenty of such material, which contemporaneous audiences could instantly recognize and chuckle over. Since those allusions mean nothing to audiences today, the satire of them automatically becomes denatured into the operetta of now—a pity, but unavoidable.

In his own improvised satirical monologues, far more so than in his literary work, Peter Ustinov has the ability, with the flick of an eyelash, to make all human aspiration seem at least slightly ridiculous. He has applied this aspect of his astonishing talent to the task at hand here. He has had the great good fortune to find, in this house's ensemble, a cast of principals who can respond to direction in that particular vein. To judge by newspaper photographs which preceded the premiere, an inordinate amount of clowning gingered up rehearsals, with a jolly good time had by all.

If I myself had not—many times—made it over to those two Offenbach productions of Felsenstein's, I undoubtedly could have let myself go on this opening night and got caught up by the carnival frenzy to a greater extent than I did. The surface here gleams and glitters, but from time to time a fleeting clue leaves one wondering to what extent Mr Ustinov has either overlooked the text or deliberately gone against it. In the case of Fiorella, for instance, the dialogue provided at least two specific indications of what one can only call nymphomania, but her overall characterization hardly even hinted at it.

Musically, the evening proved a joy. After a rather sedate start, the bouncy young conductor Caspar Richter picked things up and kept them moving swiftly until the end. Karl Dietrich Gräwe's new, highly colloquial translation contributed not a little. Donald Grobe, Patricia Johnson, David Knutson, Peter Maus, Barry McDaniel, and Gerti Zeumer headed a lerky cast, with Helmut Krebs, Helmut Melchert, and other veterans contributing supporting performances of high individual calibre. Günther Schneider-Siemssen's remarkably witty sets reveal a new side of that excellent designer, and Bernd Müller and Jörg Neumann have costumed everyone brilliantly. Walter Hagen-Groll's chorus performed, as usual, superbly.

In a characteristic, anonymous, Hitchcockian vignette, this company's *Intendant* Siegfried Palm makes a brief appearance onstage, made up to resemble Jacques Offenbach. As Offenbach did in the Opéra-Comique orchestra at the age of 14, he plays the cello, and a lackey rewards him with a sandwich.

Paul Moor

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Books for Children

A hot pace

The Amazing Adventures of Anton B. Stanton: the Rat Race
By Colin McNaughton.
(*Benn, £2.25*).

Colin McNaughton is an illustrator who is going places as fast as the *aerodynamic sports* car that featured in his recent story *Walk Rabbit Walk* (Heinemann, £2.40). With scarcely two year's work to his name he is being fêted by the Children's Book Centre in Kensington and by the British Council in Paris, and with his latest picture book the pace stays hot. The hero, *Anton Stanton, is a Tom Thumb* figure who lives in an old castle and finds his way to a city of rats in *one of the lumber rooms*. The Rat Despot is a fairly benevolent one, however, and despite imposing a 496-year prison sentence upon Anton ("one year for spying and 495 years for being so ugly") he lets him take part in the Grand Annual Rat Race, through which he wins his freedom.

As a draughtsman, Mr McNaughton brings much wit and invention to this tale—and *his feelings for page design is* beautifully complemented by Howard Waller's hand-lettered text. But the hectic pace of the book, which has only 28 text-pages, prompts a nervousness that, like the sports car, the artist may be getting out of control. There are ideas enough in *The Rat Race* to make three picture books, not just one (the Lilliput figure; the visit to Rat's Town; and the obstacle race) and in passing them up Mr McNaughton has become the victim of his own facility. But *given* the dowdiness of so many picture books at the moment, that's at least a fault in the *right direction*.

Brian Alderson

Nothing harder

The Pea-green Pig
By Hazel Townson
(*Hamish Hamilton*, £1.75)
The Rocking Horse Secret
By Rumer Godden
(*Macmillan*, £2.95)

Nothing harder, they say, than writing stories for seven-year-olds. You wouldn't think so though, to see the yards of Hamish Hamilton's Gazelle and Antelope Books on the shelf. *The Pea-Green Pig* is a fair sample. Three kids, including the obligatory sporty girl ("Jan was indignant. 'I can climb as well as you can'") find what they take to be a magic plastic pig and set out to bring good luck to Percy Polton, the canning millionaire. Which, of course, they do in a roundabout, non-magical way, and get a nice ride home in a Rolls-Royce by way of reward.

It's a pretty fatuous book, and if it didn't exist I can't see that there'd be any need to invent it—but that's probably where the hardness of writing for seven-year-olds comes in. Anybody can turn out Famous Three adventures of this sort, on the theory that today's kids will like to read about some more of today's kids. But how do you prevent it all from turning into fodder too dull for the coltish young?

Rumer Godden offers a little bit of help. *The Rocking Horse Secret*—which parades a conventional enough plot about hidden documents, and Simple Honesty saved at the last minute from Frigid Greed—is not really any more in touch with the real world than *The Pea-green Pig*. Mr Merrows, who drives the errant heroine home in "a big beautiful car" *is as dim* a millionaire as Percy Polton in his Rolls. But at least Miss Godden can make a *story* tug. Even though the crudities of her narrative are plain as plain, she *compels you to read on till* the secret you know will be given up *is* given up and the proud *are duly humbled. And even in* a story so much less than her best, there are still echoes of *the old, confident prose*: "'Jed, what *are* you doing?' Ma's voice sounded from the stairs. 'I said bring her down. She'll catch her death of cold', and that was exactly what Miss Pomeroy did."

Heather Renshaw

Books tomorrow: Michael Ratcliffe reviews The Older Hardy by Robert Gittings, and studies of Hardy by John Bayley and Vere H. Collins: Edward Heath on Jean Monnet's Memoirs. Paul Barker on Despatches, by Michael Herr.



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Hijacked from adults

Moon-Bells and other poems
By Ted Hughes
(Chatto & Windus, £1.95)
The Knockabout Show
By Gerda Mayer
(Chatto & Windus, £1.95)

The only difference between a "children's" poem and one for adults is in the size of the audience. "While there are some good poems which are only for adults, because they pre-suppose adult experience in their readers", wrote Auden in the preface to his *A Choice of de la Mare's Verse*, "there are no good poems which are only for children."

It is a conviction shared by Ted Hughes in *Moon-Bells*. As with his *Season Songs* (1976), the debate as to whether it is in essence a book for adults hijacked by children, or the reverse, is an expense of time and breath better spent in general enjoyment of the poems.

Nothing in the rural pieces here excels the triumphs of *Season Songs*, but none falls short of them. Again, there is the fierce celebration, in uncompromising terms, of the realities of country life: of hunters and hunted, the quick and the caught. The phraseology is as terse and memorable as pistol-shots; that of a writer who refuses to patronise, at any level, his audience. Its powerful effect on the reader is warmed, but never softened, by an encompassing sense of the poet's huge compassion and of his one-ness with his surroundings.

For good and occasionally bad measure, a dozen other poems regurgitate earlier themes: moon-people, the antics of Crow and Nessie of Loch Ness. Compared with the later poems, these remain little more than Hughes's tabby tom's dinner: a mere "celebration of sardines".

Gerda Mayer's *The Knockabout Show* seems to me the work of a poet still uncertain of an identity and an individual voice. The verses range from nursery rhymes and jingles about jokey characters like Old *Mrs Lazibones and the* Bellocian Ethel who "gorged herself on large 'Vanilla';/Her Mum *foretold that it would* kill 'er", to the more ambitious intellectual coolnesses of poems on Lorelei and Guy Fawkes. Juvenile pieces jostle unhappily with those obviously intended for a rather older audience. But the collection moves with great liveliness, wit and insight, across a whole range of manner and form. The poet finds her surest and most revealing tone in such excellent autobiographical pieces as "Bible Stories".

The swastikas of my childhood,
chalked upon the wall,
the rain and the years have
washed them away
and the bible survives them all.

Here, unmistakably, is the voice of a poet, and with it Gerda Mayer more than earns the right of a hearing by lucky children. That, for me, means most of us. I have never met a person wholly adult; nor wish to.

Charles Causley

Impending death

The Siege of Babylon
By Farrukh Dhondy
(Macmillan, £3.50)
Hostage!
By James Hamilton-Paterson
(Gollancz, £3.75)
Prove Yourself a Hero
By K. M. Peyton
(Oxford, £2.95)

Do you ever wonder what it would be like to be kidnapped and held hostage? How would you feel? What sort of a showing would you make? Imagination will go so far, but never as far as perhaps it should: it tends to stop short of the nastier probabilities—the helplessness, the humiliation, the readiness to say or do anything that will avert impending death. These three books are all in *their own way a stimulus* to the imagination and of the three the most striking by some margin is *The Siege of Babylon*.

I am really not sure how far this is a children's book at all. Perhaps, given that most adolescents are just as worldly wise as I am now and a hundred times more so than I was in my teens, it will do for them. It is a terse, confident and penetrating bit of writing about the siege that follows after four coloured boys bungle a robbery and seize hostages: this alter*nates with flashbacks to the* events that led up to it.

The author, Farrukh Dhondy, was born and brought up in India and describes himself now as principally a political activist among the black communities of South and East London. *The Siege of Babylon* is set in Notting Hill and Brixton *and the world and attitudes* he portrays can only be authentic, so natural and so completely foreign do they appear. Of what he has written, he is reported as saying that it "reflects the positive rebellion of young blacks". Positive? If that means wandering out of the unsatisfactory circumstances *of one's life into an ill-planned* crime ending in total disaster, then there is positiveness and *to spare. Oddly there is nothing* in Mr Dhondy's writing to suggest that he regards what *happens to* his characters as positive in the least. The positive element lies in what he so *trenchantly* conveys of the state of Britain's nation within a nation and in the questions his vivid treatment raises about its future. What hope for integration? What hope even for *harmony*? The inescapable conclusion is: not much.

The hostages in *The Siege of Babylon are really secondary* to the predicament of the boys. *Hostage!*, in conformity with its title, *puts the victim first*. Wayne is the son of an American oil executive living in Zibala, a fictitious Middle Eastern state. A group of local revolutionaries kidnap him and although it is all a mistake—they had intended to grab his friend who is the son of an ambassador—they decide to try to trade him for the release of some imprisoned comrades. They fail and die violently; Wayne *is saved*, but not before he and the reader have been shown very graphically what it *is like to find yourself in* the hands of men to whom your existence is a bargaining counter, nothing more. A *sort* of relationship builds up between the boy and the leader of his captors, but never one that can be relied on, although in the course of his captivity he acquires some sympathetic understanding of the conditions that create terrorism: that's to say, the equal and opposite *brutality of the regime in* power. James Hamilton-Paterson does not go in for Mr Dhondy's subtleties of *relationship* and it is somewhat easier to categorize his book as "for children". He tells an exciting and colourful story with considerable assurance.

In K. M. Peyton's *Prove Yourself a Hero we are plainly* back in writing for the young—quite sophisticated young, of course, but definitely in their lower teens. Again the theme is kidnapping, this time of a rich man's son for money, and, initially, the awful circumstances are tellingly conveyed. However, the author's main *interest is in the victim's over*whelming need to show that he can live up to the unflinching ethos of his family. In pursuing this, the story loses impetus and goes saggy half way through. Contrarily, too much attention to hang-ups is bad for suspense.

David Wade

Carrie grown up

Rebel on a Rock
By Nina Bawden
(Gollancz, £3.20)

The more disillusioned I be*come over the situation of the* adult novel, the more cheered I am by contemporary childrens' literature; fine quality is the rule rather than the exception, with inventiveness, sympathy, subtlety and sheer good writing, all of which are marks of Nina Bawden's books. This latest is not her best, but still *merits high praise. It has* its roots in a predecessor. *Carrie's War*, one of the outstanding children's *novels* of recent years. I recommend it warmly but although it adds a dimension to the new story, each book is quite self-contained.

Carrie is now adult, widowed and remarried to her fellow-evacuee, the delightfully bookish and bespectacled Albert Sandwich—instant stepfather to Joanna and Charlie, and the two youngest, black and adopted, Alice and James. A piebald *family indeed, and 14-year-old* Jo is very conscious of it: she, narrator/heroine, is half-in-love with Albert, intermittently resentful of her mother, a normal adolescent of sense and sensibility, struggling to come to terms with herself. Exactly the type of character Miss Bawden is so good at. She understands young people without "being understanding" and passions fought against, violent opinions, guilt and uncertainty, will be gratefully recognized by many.

I found the plot almost incidental but that is an adult response. The sensitive human insights will filter through to young readers as a *general* feeling that book and author are on their side, while the *story is revelled in, because it* is a splendid one, rather frightening, entirely credible.

It revolves around the family's visit to beautiful, ancient Ithaca, an island under Dictator*ship. And Jo's meeting with the* son of an imprisoned rebel leader. Atmosphere and scenic glories are memorably conveyed and the whole has many depths and subtleties.

Susan Hill

Underneath

Underground
By David Macaulay
(Collins, £3.95)
Castle
By David Macaulay
(Collins, £2.95)

Underground is something of a departure after David Macaulay's earlier books *Cathedral, City and Pyramid*. They, like *Castle*, were essentially architectural; *Underground tackles a more difficult* but, in its way, more fascinating subject. It looks at what *goes on under the city*: at how buildings are supported by different kinds of foundations, how drains, pipes cables and sewers are woven under city streets, and how engineers build tunnels for tube trains. To make all this comprehensible to young readers is a formidable task, and one well worth doing. I wish I could report that *Underground* was as much a success as *Cathedral* or *Castle*. The book, unfortunately, has two serious weaknesses.

The first of these stems from its American origins. When Macaulay wrote *Castle*, he visited every castle in Wales and quite a number more in southern England. He knows exactly how a Norman castle was put together, the how and why of merlons and putlog holes, where garderobes emptied to, and how colonising Norman lords like "Kevin" raised the money for their fortresses and walled towns. The story of the castle's construction and the social and economic life it *upheld come over clearly in* Macaulay's characteristic line drawings and his careful, *matter-of-fact text. But when he* wrote *City*, he did his painstaking research in four American cities. The text published here appears to be unaltered, apart from the Collins imprint—and this subject matter does not travel well.

The drawings and explanations are just as painstaking and careful, but in a score of respects this is not what one would find below ground in an English city. For instance, in Britain electricity undertakings do *not* generally supply piped *steam; you do not find parallel* high-and low-pressure water mains: and, the British Gas Corporation *tell me*, small amounts of methane are emphatically not vented into the street—at least, they add, not on purpose. Macaulay invites his readers to look for clues on the surface as to what goes on below. For English readers these will not look the same, and the book may actually confuse.

The second criticism concerns basic clarity. Complex underground services and foundations *are difficult things to represent* to the lay reader, and *some* of Macaulay's pictures are more than a little confusing. My 13-year-old son also criticizes the book for not having "a proper index": the visual key at the beginning he found frustrating because "you have to read the book to find out what the *things in the key are*". For teenage boys, who are essentially "dippers" into such books, that will not do.

Castle must have been a much more straightforward book to write, but he has done it excellently; its drawings are absolutely clear, though not without humour; and it has a *strong, convincing story line* drawn from the Edwardian colonization of north Wales. It rings *absolutely true*. For British readers, *Underground* does not.

Tony Aldous

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Racing

At last an incentive to buy British

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

An extension to the 1978 fillies premium scheme to include payments to owners of British-bred *two-year-old fillies who win or* are placed second or third in pattern races open to both colts and fillies was announced yesterday *by Sir Desmond Plummer*, the chairman of the Horse Race Betting Levy Board.

Under the original scheme owners of British-bred winners of all races for two-year-old fillies except selling or claiming races, with an advertised value of £1,000 or more, will receive an additional 50 per cent of the guaranteed prize money for the race. *In the case of pattern races* for two-year-old fillies the premium will be divided to give the winner 35 per cent; the second 10 per cent and the third 5 per cent.

Last year the Levy Board set aside £169,000 to finance the scheme which it was felt would stimulate the market for commercially-bred fillies besides being of direct benefit to breeders racing *their own fillies. But the board's* allocation was based on the maximum requirement assuming that all the 130 or so races for two-year-old fillies in 1978 were won by individuals who qualified for the premiums.

There is likely to be an unexpended part of the allocation and instead of sitting on it the board have decided, sensibly in *my opinion*, to make it available now to pay premiums to owners of qualifying fillies who win or are placed in "open pattern races": that is pattern races open to both colts and fillies. A typical example is the National Stakes which is run at Sandown Park in July. It is open to two-year-olds of both sexes and last year it was won by a filly, though *not one bred in the United Kingdom*, I hasten to add.

This year the National Stakes will have £11,000 added to the stakes and you do not need to be a particularly good mathematician to realize how owners, *trainers, jockeys and stable staff* alike can benefit if a British-bred filly is good enough to get into the money. At long last there is now an incentive to buy *British* and to race British. Commenting on this extension of the fillies premium scheme Bob McCreery, the chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, said yesterday that obviously he welcomed *any step in the* direction which would eventually lead to a fillies premium scheme covering British-bred fillies and mares of all ages.

The extension of owners' premiums to include all fillies was one of the two main recommendations in the report of the Joint Racing Board's working party on assistance to the breeding industry which was published a little under two weeks ago. *Besides being the* chairman of the TBA Mr McCreery was also a member of that working party and as such one of the signatories of the report. Before the report was commissioned the Levy Board agreed to view sympathetically any recommendations which might be put forward by the working party and Mr McCreery will not be alone *in heaving a sigh of relief* that all the hard work that went into the production of that eminently fair and reasonable report was *not in vain*.

According to the bookmakers Fred Winter has a good chance of winning the two most valuable races that will be run in this country next Saturday. Yesterday Ladbrokes made his five-year-old, Gruffandrgrim, favourite to win the £8,000 Panama Cigar Hurdle final at Chepstow just as soon as they knew what horses had stood their ground at their four-day forfeit stage. At more or less the same time Ladbrokes and Hills installed his stable companion, Stopped, as *favourite to* win the Imperial Cup at Sandown Park.

As far as the Panama Cigar Hurdle final is concerned Ladbroke's prices are: 11-4 Gruffandgrim, 3-1 Mayhem, 5-1 Netherton, 6-1 Baronial, 8-1 Claudio Nicolai, 12-1 Norfolk Air. Hills, who sponsor the Imperial Cup, made Stopped favourite at 5-1 with Pinchow *next in the betting* at 7-1. In each case Ladbrokes are prepared to offer a point longer.

I can understand why both firms have made *Stopped* favourite. He was an extremely impressive winner of a similar race at Newbury last Saturday. Afterwards Winter said that he would run Stopped next in either the Imperial Cup or in the County Hurdle at Cheltenham. But on delving into the conditions of the two races Winter discovered that whereas Stopped would have to *carry a 7 lb penalty at Cheltenham* he will be lumbered with only an additional 4 lb at Sandown.

No Aintree progress

The future of Aintree racecourse and *the Grand National* was as insecure as ever last night after a meeting between Mr Denis Howell, the Minister of Sport, and other interested parties. Afterwards, they issued the short statement that "all at the meeting were anxious to see the Grand National continue but felt that the price being asked by the receiver for the racecourse was excessive."

STATE OF GOING (official): Worcester: Good to soft. Catterick Bridge: Good. Tomorrow: Stratford on Avon: *Hurdles, soft: steeplechase, good to soft*. Wincanton: Good to soft.

Catterick Bridge programme

2.15 RUDBY HURDLE (Handicap: £520: 2m)

1	0	Solamba, R. Stubbs, 6-12-2	T. Enright
2		Coal Bag Kate, J. Twibell, 5-12-2	R. Lee 5
3	100220-	Security Council, G. Vergette, 5-12-0	P. Kelly
4	30-	Sunlit Spar, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-13	R. Collins
5	210200	Meads Manor (D), J. Barry, 9-11-13	S. Houlker 7
6	1814-	Sea Wanderer (C-D), A. Percival, 10-11-10	R. Barry
8	1002-0f	Prince Ardent (D), W. Clay, 6-11-10	N. Clay
10	4f000-	Just About (D), W. Murray, 10-11-4	P. Mangan
11	2f2-020	Downing Arms, D. Ringer, 8-11-3	—
12	u-1320p	Just Spider (C-D), C. Tinkler, 10-10-13	N. Tinkler
13	002-p00	Caloia Prince (D), D. Plant, 10-10-12	S. O'Neill 5
14	1p-0p30	Paradise Flight, M. Chapman, 10-10-12	J. Kerby 7
15	000-030	Soshemmino, E. Roberts, 9-10-10	R. Wilding 5
16	400302	Roaming Minstrel, R. Hollinshead, 5-10-10	C. Astbury
17	000300	Lirico (D), H. Fleming, 7-10-9	D. Goulding
21	000	Dan Borna, M. Naughton, 12-10-5	D. Metcalfe 7
22	004-040	Naval Whistler (D), H. Gleming, 7-10-4	—
23	142-004	Seaton Sands (D), J. A. Turner, 7-10-3	K. McCauley
27		Game Reserve, R. Morris, 9-10-2	F. Morris 7
28	0202	Bell's Lad, E. Carter, 8-10-2	M. Lowry 3
29	34b410	Mercedem, M. Chapman, 5-10-1	—
32	f-3040p	Happy Call (D), A. Potts, 7-10-0	D. Atkins
33	0f0	Miss Kennedy, T. Barnes, 10-10-0	M. Barnes
34	003234	Rolus (C-D), D. Chapman, 9-10-0	C. Mann 7
35	00f0	Greek Son, R. Whitaker, 6-10-0	S. Charlton 3
36	00000	Abbey Style, A. Brisbourne, 7-10-0	Mr M. Brisbourne 5

9-2 Roaming Minstrel, 5-1 Bell's Lad, 11-2 Mercedem, Seaton Sands, 8-1 Paradise Flight, 10-1 Just Spider, 12-1 Sea Wanderer, 14-1 Soshemmino, Downing Arms, 16-1 others.

2.45 NEWBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,192: 2m)

3	p1131f-	London Express (D), C. Bell, 10-11-13	R. Lamb
5	00112f	Funny Baby, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-9	M. Dickinson
7	a2131f	Wylam Boy (C-D), W. Stephenson, 9-11-6	Mr T. Dun 7
8	112114	Bold Warrior (C-D), J. Berry, 7-11-2	K. Gray
9	20123p	Meteorologist, J. A. Turner, 9-11-1	D. Munro
10	10u0fp	Catch The Wind (D), G. Richards, 7-10-10	D. Goulding
13	3100up	Charlie (D), K. Hogg, 10-10-7	D. Turnbull 7
14	0230-00	Welton Lad (D), J. Henderson, 8-10-3	M. Barnes
17	234000	Wily Talke, J. Blundell, 8-10-0	A. Brown 5

9-4 Funny Baby, 3-1 Bold Warrior, 4-1 Wylam Boy, 11-2 Meteorologist, 7-1 London Express, 12-1 others.

3.15 HORNBY HURDLE (Part 1, Div I: £454: 2m)

1	12f030	Kelloe Brig, K. Tuer, 6-12-0	R. Barry
3	00003	Beirib, D. McCain, 5-11-4	W. Beardwood 7
5		Frosty Park, N. Crump, 6-11-4	C. Hawkins
7	004-0f	Great Echo, A. Scott, 8-11-4	R. Lamb
8	00	Palace Royal, G. Richards, 5-11-4	J. Coogan
10	u-f0	Sir Pelleas, F. Gibson, 6-11-4	—
11		Spancil Hill, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-4	Mr T. Dunn 7
12		Uncle Jack, S. Nesbitt, 5-11-4	B. Sayles 7
14	0	Walter, M. H. Easterby, 5-11-4	A. Brown 5
20	003	Hit the Roof, R. Whitaker, 4-10-5	S. Charlton 3
22	0430	Kit's Future, T. Fairhurst, 4-10-5	C. Fairhurst 3
25	0	Moonstone Prince, G. Vergette, 4-10-5	J. Pearce
27	00p	Perno, T. Kersey, 4-10-5	G. Kersey 7
29	0f0200	Royal Audition, C. Dingwall, 4-10-5	J. O'Neill
32	0	Sweet Pretender, R. Peacock, 4-10-5	D. Atkins
38	00	Vozalis, E. Roberts, 4-10-5	R. Wilding 5

100-30 Kelloe Brig, 7-2 Hit the Roof, 4-1 Palace Royal, 6-1 Kit's Future, 8-1 Walter, 10-1 Royal Audition, 14-1 others.

3.45 BUSBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,432: 3m 300yd)

3	230200	Forest King, K. Hogg, 9-11-3	J. O'Neill
5	102211	Tregarron (C-D), K. Oliver, 11-11-3	R. Barry
6	011f1-1	Angel Clare, A. Dickinson, 7-11-1	M. Dickinson
8	0-12f14	Caldbeck (C-D), D. MacDonald, 8-10-11	R. Lamb
9	21f1p	Young Thomas (C), J. A. Turner, 8-10-2	K. McCauley
12	41300p	Silkstone (C-D), S. Norton, 10-10-1	G. Graham 3
13	0-p400p	Forecall, M. Chapman, 10-10-0	J. Kerby 7
14	p-03pu2	West End Lad, N. Crump, 10-10-0	D. Atkins

5-2 Angel Clare, 3-1 Tregarron, 7-2 Caldbeck, 9-2 Forest King, 8-1 Silkstone, 12-1 others.

4.15 GIRSBY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £790: 3m 300yd)

5	0-0p301	*Sionnaigh Belatina VI, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-0	—
6	10-2321	Sun Lion, G. Richards, 8-11-10	R. Barry
7	pp00ff	Big Fred, S. Nesbitt, 7-11-3	K. McCauley
9	00-0000	Charming Scot, T. Barron, 6-11-3	K. Gray
11	2f40f-3	Coleraine, S. Nesbitt, 8-11-3	M. Murphy 7
12		Coralicty, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-3	J. Folland 7
13	f-02023	Dunmare, F. Jestin, 8-11-3	Mr A. Eubank
14	00-0343	Illecanus, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-3	A. Phillips 5
16	00-22	Kruganko, N. Crump, 7-11-3	D. Atkins
18		Noble Hart, R. Johnson, 6-11-3	B. Ellison 7
20	330200	Pickwood Knight, L. Leigh, 6-11-3	D. Nolan
23	00-1	Rockinmann, Road, E. Carter, 8-11-3	M. Lowry 3
27	023433	Snowdrift, C. Lamb, 7-11-3	R. Lamb
30	0	Wagner, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-3	Mr T. Dan 7
31	0000-0f	Old Tot, N. Waggott, 5-10-7	W. Redfern

Evens Sun Lion, 7-2 Snowdrift, 9-2 Kruganko, 6-1 Illecanus, 13-1 others.

4.45 HORNBY HURDLE (Div 2: Novices: £558: 2m)

3	0-012	I'm A Driver (D), A. Dickinson, 7-12-0	M. Dickinson
5	0-44102	Royaldieu, A. Corner, 6-12-0	G. Holmes
6	f0-0024	Alardale, D. MacDonald, 5-11-4	J. Goulding 7
7	00	Bird Brigand, J. Norton, 5-11-4	J. Bourke
8	3-00440	Ex Professo, G. Richards, 5-11-4	J. Coogan
10	0-000	Carbally Girl, J. Leigh, 5-11-4	T. Casey
12		Gloom, R. Fisher, 5-11-4	R. Lamb
13		Johnny Tarquin, G. Richards, 5-11-4	R. Barry
14		Lightning Brigade, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-4	R. Collins
15		Linthorpe, R. Thomas, 5-11-4	M. Lowry 3
19	p00	Open Doors, P. Curtis, 6-11-4	N. Tinkler
21		Princess Almeria, D. Ringer, 5-11-4	S. McNeill 3
22	p0-0	Roker Park, L. Bridge, 5-11-4	B. Jones
23		Sir Philip, N. Crump, 5-11-4	D. Atkins
24	0-f0004	Valley of Rocks, D. McCain, 5-11-4	W. Beardwood 7
25	010030	Lez (D), W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-1	Mr T. Dun 7
26	000	All Divine, G. Vergette, 4-10-5	P. Kelly
27		Exim Tune, T. Gillam, 4-10-5	D. Goulding
28	24	Fabrica, M. H. Easterby, 4-10-5	A. Brown 5
29	0	La Conistrano, H. Wharton, 4-10-5	D. Munro
30	00	Le Pretendant, C. Dingwall, 4-10-5	P. Charlton
31	00200	Melperion, T. Fairhurst, 4-10-5	C. Fairhurst 3
33		Minster Melody, J. Cousins, 4-10-5	—
35	0	True Friend, A. Eubank, 4-10-5	Mr A. Eubank

5-4 I'm a Driver, 4-1 Fabrica, 5-1 Royaldieu, 6-1 Ex Professo, 8-1 Johnny Tarquin, 14-1 others.

5.15 HORNBY HURDLE (*Part 2, Div 1: £454: 2m*)

2		Arthur Harwell, J. Cousins, 5-11-4	Mr A. Eubank
4		Danstop Spirit, F. Musgrave, 8-11-4	Mr F. Musgrave 7
6		Gale Lot, E. Magner, 6-11-4	Mrs Ann Harvey 7
8	4u3002	Nisbet-Ann, R. Johnson, 5-11-4	B. Ellison 7
13	fp0-0p	Sweet Champagne, R. Wiles, 6-11-4	S. Wiles 5
15	02	Vidkun, R. Fisher, 6-11-4	J. Errington 7
18		Bally Pinza, D. Plant, 4-10-5	P. Mangan
21	32030	King's Confidant, J. Blundell, 4-10-5	A. Brown 5
23	0	Marren Dene, W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-5	A. Fletcher 7
24		Metalc, G. Vergette, 4-10-5	P. J. Kelly
25	0u0	Norgill, N. Chamberlain, 4-10-5	B. Ashbridge 7
26	200420	Romany Light, J. Leigh, 4-10-5	—
30		Sorceress, W. Haugh, 4-10-5	P. Charlton
36	0403	Treasure Island, J. A. Turner, 4-10-5	K. McCauley
37	0	Vat Man, G. Richards, 4-10-5	D. Goulding

3-1 Treasure Island, 100-30 Nisbet-Ann, 9-2 Vidkun, 6-1 Vat Man, 8-1 Sorceress, 12-1 King's Confidant, 14-1 others.

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2.0 FERRY HURDLE (Div I: novices: £556: 2m)

1	000401	Melody River, J. Edwards, 5-12-3	S. Morshead
2	000	Admetus, F. Winter, 8-11-7	J. Francome
6	0-0	Clear Beat, R. Chugg, 8-11-7	Mr R. Chugg 3
7	02	Hallodri, F. Rimell, 5-11-7	J. Burke
8		Hello Central, P. Calver, 5-11-7	A. Webber
10	f-p	Kings Carol, J. Vaughan, 6-11-7	John Williams
11	f100	Manhalloo, D. Nicholson, 5-11-7	J. Suthern
12	0	Matey, T. Brookshaw, 6-11-7	E. Brook 7
14	00204	Portella, H. Payne, 5-11-7	P. Hobbs
19	4-04000	Scot Lane, M. Tate, 5-11-7	C. Smith
20	p	Switcher, F. Mann, 6-11-7	R. Mann
21		Tabernacle, K. Bridgwater, 5-11-7	J. Walsh 7
22	00	Ten Pointer, D. Nicholson, 5-11-7	R. Dickin
25	00-04	Tromso, M. Francis, 6-11-7	G. Enright
27	4	Heron's Copper, J. Peacock, 4-10-8	A. Webb 5
28	0	Hunting Cry, M. Salaman, 4-10-8	—
29	p	Lindwall, J. Old, 4-10-8	R. Champion
30	0000	Rocket's Pal, I. Maddocks, 4-10-8	M. Williams
33		Vagabond III, C. Dingwall, 4-10-8	—
34	000	Woburn, C. Bewicke, 4-10-8	—

9-4 Hallodri, 100-30 Admetus, 9-2 Melody River, 6-1 Heron's Copper, 8-1 Tromso, 10-1 Portella, 12-1 Hunting Cry, 20-1 others.

2.30 SIDBURY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £962: 2m)

203	211322	Party Line (C-D), H. Poole, 9-11-9	R. R. Evans
205	012412	Star Dyker (C-D), F. Walwyn, 8-11-4	M. Floyd
206	300323	Catsgore (D), Mrs E. Kennard, 10-11-0	P. Richards
207	2-1f313	Vido (C,D), J. Webber, 7-10-9	P. Webber
213	012-	Stand Clear (D), Miss S. Cotton, 13-10-0	G. Jones
214	4-u000p	Border Lark, J. Vaughan, 8-10-0	G. Williams 7
215	000u00	Armed Robbery, R. C. Price, 10-10-0	Mr S. Bowen 7

7-4 Star Dyker, 9-4 Vido, 7-2 Party Line, 6-1 Catsgore, 10-1 Stand Clear, 12-1 others.

3.0 WYCHBOLD HURDLE (Handicap: £791: 2¼m)

302	030213	Fighting Taffy (C-D), P. Upton, 11-12-0	P. Burgoyne 7
305	032000	Vespucci, D. Barons, 6-11-3	P. Leach
307	0-0830f	Major Role, J. Joseph, 8-11-0	C. Chapple 7
309	1-00000	Doodle Bug (C), M. Tate, 7-10-10	C. Smith
310	01330-1	Yule Log (C), D. Wintle, 6-10-9	R. Hyett
312	023100	Winscombe, J. Bosley, 6-10-8	S. G. Davies 7
313	3-1412	Spider Man, Mrs E. Kennard, 7-10-7	P. Richards
314	02020p	Pick Me (C), R. Hawker, 6-10-6	R. Linley
316	004334	Tempest Girl (C), H. Nicholson, 5-10-6	K. Whyte 7
317	100002	Palace (C), L. Kennard, 6-10-4	G. McCourt
319	f13-000	Fortune Cookie, G. Balding, 6-10-4	R. Linley
324	01010-0	Terryash, D. Carey, 7-10-0	—
325	f100-00	Ordnance Hill, D. H. Jones, 6-10-0	J. Jenkins
328	010000	Spiffing, H. Gittins, 7-10-0	R. F. Davies
329	031132	Transformation, J. Old, 9-10-0	C. Candy
330	000-	Carry on Father, A. Stroud, 6-10-0	John Williams
331	p0	La Chica, M. Davies, 8-10-0	H. J. Evans
332	p-	Lord Lee, J. Peacock, 7-10-0	N. Breeze 7

7-2 Fighting Taffy, 9-2 Spider Man, 6-1 Winscombe, Major Role, 8-1 Transformation, 10-1 Palace, Tempest Girl, 12-1 Vespucci, Fortune Cookie, 25-1 others.

3.30 KING JOHN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,402: 3m 5f)

403	10-22	Master Upham (C), D. Gandolfo, 10-11-3	P. Barton
404	332120	Cantabet, W. A. Stephenson, 9-10-13	G. Faulkner
406	00-	Black Tudor, G. Kindersley, 10-10-12	R. R. Evans
409	40-0up0	Bentley Boy, D. Nicholson, 13-10-7	J. Suthern
412	123-112	Toy Flag, T. Forster, 11-10-5	G. Thorner
413	210-110	Alexangle, W. Fullerton, 12-10-5	R. Hoare 5
415	32102p	*Willow Hound*, Mrs A. Finch, 11-10-3	S. Morshead
416	00f11	Don Pasquale, F. Rimell, 8-10-0	C. Tinkler
417	0-up40p	Herminius (C-D), Mrs N. Whitfield, 10-10-0	C. Smith
418	321210	Ormonde Tudor, Mrs R. Lomax, 9-10-0	Mr M. Brisbourne 5
420	11-0u00	Bourdon, E. Jones, 11-10-0	J. Barlow 5
422	003f43	William Penn, D. Pearman, 7-10-0	T. Watkinson
424	pu4p	Saidakan, R. Armytage, 10-10-0	R. Mangan

3-1 Master Upham, 4-1 Don Pasquale, 9-2 Toy Flag, 6-1 Cantabet, 8-1 Willow Hound, Black Tudor, 10-1 Alexangle, 12-1 Ormonde Tudor, 20-1 others.

4.0 MARK FIVE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,097: 3m)

502	f-13100	Moonstone Lad, S. Mellor, 9-12-0	Mr C. Saunders
504	0p-030	Golden Rapper (D), Miss C. Brew, 12-11-10	Miss C. Brew 7
506	30-4444	Capuchin, P. Ransom, 9-11-8	Mr F. Ransom 7
507	310-	Shraden Sparkle, W. Everall, 13-11-6	Mr M. Tory
508	321-	Top Three, Mrs M. Jackson, 12-11-5	Mr T. Jackson 7
509	f004p-p	Happy Ranger (D), J. Thorne, 11-11-5	Miss J. Thorne 7
512	f2201p	Border Mark (C-D), C. Miller, 10-11-2	Mr M. Chamberlayne 7
513	30f4fb	Flippant Fred (D), L. Kennard, 11-11-1	Mr N. Henderson
517	330300	Fezeyot (D), Mrs R. Lomax, 9-10-7	Mr J. Darlington 7
519	330p00	Coolaru, Pat Mitchell, 12-10-7	Mr N. Ingham 7
520	p0	Last Trick, E. Dawson, 10-10-7	—
521	4-ppup0	The Suckley Squire, M. Tate, 6-10-7	Mr A. Fowler 7
524	p34020	Bell-Amys, D. H. Jones, 7-10-7	Mr J. Llewellyn 7

6-2 Moonstone Lad, 3-1 Border Mark, 4-1 Top Three, 6-1 Happy Ranger, 8-1 Flippant Fred, 10-1 Capuchin, 12-1 Fezeyot, 20-1 others.

4.30 FERRY HURDLE (Div II: novices: £584: 2m)

601		Alice Rose, K. Lewis, 6-11-7	G. Williams 7
605	00	Beau Lord, J. Edwards, 8-11-7	S. Morshead
606	0032	Blue Braes, R. Head, 6-11-7	J. Francome
608	324rr0	Bright Fergus, M. Scudamore, 9-11-7	Mr J. Jackson 7
611		Cheltenham, J. Perrett, 5-11-7	L. Griffiths
613	0000-03	Coral King, H. Webb, 5-11-7	P. Barton
614	000400	Dieses, B. Collinson, 5-11-7	S. Jobar
616	0p	Holy Red, S. Wright, 5-11-7	R. R. Evans
618	00	Lady Sunshine, Mrs S. Coldicott, 5-11-7	Mrs S. Coldicott 7
619	0	Lochside, P. Calver, 6-11-7	R. Linley
621	f00-00	Look North, R. C. Price, 6-11-7	Mr S. Bowen 7
622		Lovers Last, R. Chugg, 8-11-7	Mr R. Chugg 3
623	00	Motraquila, Mrs N. Birch, 6-11-7	M. Floyd
624	uf0f	Niagara Rhythm, J. Webber, 5-11-7	A. Webber
627	0000	Penny's Affair, M. Daniell, 5-11-7	A. Webb 5
628		Read's Boy, J. S. Turner, 5-11-7	Mr A. Wilson
629	0	Ribramble, B. Palling, 6-11-7	C. Candy
630	f0f02-	Sabot Rapide, D. Barons, 5-11-7	M. Barrett 7
632	f-	Shadytoo, D. Wintle, 5-11-7	R. Hyett
636	0	Tajacques, E. Dawson, 5-11-7	D. Coomer 7
642	002313	Pucka Fella, H. Payne, 4-11-4	P. Hobbs
644	00	Friendly Kiss, M. Salaman, 4-10-8	—
646		*Mister Johnnie, M. Oliver, 4-10-8*	—
648	00	Top Spot, D. Llewellin, 4-10-8	Miss A. Oatman 7

11-4 Blue Braes, 7-2 Pucka Fella, 11-2 Coral King, 7-1 Ribramble, 8-1 Friendly Kiss, 10-1 Lochside, 12-1 Beau Lord, Sabot Rapide, 20-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

Worcester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Hallodri. 2.30 Star Dyker. 3.0 Fighting Taffy. 3.30 Master Upham. 4.0 Border Mark. 4.30 Blue Braes.

Catterick Bridge selections

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215 Downing Arms. 2.45 Wylam Boy. 3.15 Royal Audition. 3.45 I'm a
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By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Downing Arms. 4.45 Princess Almeria.

Warwick results

2.0 (2.5) WATERGALL HURDLE (Div I: novices: £559: 2m 5f)
Compton Cassey, b g, by Harwell—Arctic Rock (Ld Vesley), 6-11-5 J. Suthern (9-4) 1
Bob Da Thone ... N. Clay (12-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Snack Time, 6-1 Nemon, 10-1 Lucky Louis, Helderty, 16-1 Lavenham Lady, 25-1 Sadat, Sparky Love, 33-1 Chella (4th), Indian Captive, Wisden, Farrington Gurney, Lavilla, Minibus, Percy Sweeting, Gun Money, Deconman (p), Livsol (p), Proper Khanda (p), Van Leer (p), Calhive (p), Twilight Gold. 24 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 13p, 25p, £2.20; dual forecast, D. Nicholson, at *Stow-on-the-Wold*. 1½l, 10l.

2.30 (2.34) EASTGATE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £472: 2m 5f)
Old Smokey, ch g, by Miralgo—Sutter (B. Ball), 9-10-10 R. Goldstein (5-1) 1
Feel Free ... S. J. O'Neill (5-1) 2
Monksgrange ... K. Mooney (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Spartan Tudor (4th), 6-1 Come Spring (p), 8-1 Orosio, 10-1 Toughie, 16-1 Dolben Lass, 33-1 Dinaraise, Gay Como, Treble Kay, Agonistic (u), Blue Goblin (p), Noble Senator (u), Calsea Ira (p). 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 62p; places, 15p, 18p, 21p; dual forecast, £1.30. M. Bolton, at East Grinstead. Nk, 3l.

3.0 (3.5) SHREWLEY HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £715: 2m)
Island Liner, ch g, by High Line—Scilly Isles (T. Eager), 10-10 J. Suthern (13-1) 1
Gala Lad ... N. Tinkler (7-4 fav) 2
Tamalinden Tillie, K. Whyte (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Dutchman, 11-4 Bal Love (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.17; dual forecast, 73p. M. Delahooke, at Cheltenham. 8l.

3.30 (3.31) CRUDWELL CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap, £1,844: 3m 5f 80yd)
Peter Scot, b g, by Jock Scot—Miss Peter (G. Amey), 7-10-13 P. Barton (11-4 fav) 1
The Songwriter ... B. Smart (14-1) 2
Lachane ... C. Thorner (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Tessie's Boy (f), 10-1 Golden Whin, Posh Sarge (u), Vatican Express (u), 20-1 Criticism (p), 25-1 Revock Royal, 33-1 Everything (4th), Red Trump (u), Clever One. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 21p, 20p, 24p; dual forecast, £1.26. D. Gandolfo, at Wantage. 10l, 20l.

4.0 (4.1) NORTH WARWICKSHIRE STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £542: 3m)
Buckwalks Prince, ch g, by Prince Hal—Rush Walk (J. Sumner), 13-11-7 Mr C. Barnett (33-1) 1
Sowdingo ... Mr J. Barlon (8-1) 2
Flevability ... Mr S. Shilston (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-6 fav His Last, 9-2 *Concreted* (f), 9-1 *Copper Venture* (4th), 25-1 Gay Guv, Moon View, Sea Brigand, 33-1 My Rhonda (u), Seven Monkeys (p), Sport of Kings, The Crook. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.57; places, 66p, 14p, 57p; dual forecast, £5.58. J. Sumner, at Banbury. 4l, 6l. Fourth Son did not run.

4.30 (4.37) WATERGALL HURDLE (Div II: novices: £545: 2m 5f)
Nostradamus, br h, by Normandy—Nostra (J. Sumner), 6-11-5 G. Thorner (8-1) 1
Queens Herald J. Francome (2-1 jt fav) 2
Varaigo .. C. Tinkler (2-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Chalwood Blue (p), 14-1 Arctic Princess (4th), 20-1 Moorshead, 33-1 Clane, Lennoxlove, 50-1 Another Gem, Another Prospect, Auto Up (f), Ben Mist, Chingsun, *Foggy Park, General Coady* (u), Hall Mark, Joes Nephew (p), Kerry Street, Le Melos, Smoking Joe, Sovereigns Colour, Turasco, Lasting Friendship (p). 33 ran.
TOTE: Win, 86p; places, 14p, 20p, 13p; dual forecast, £1.13. T. Forster, at Wantage. 1l, 6l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Island Liner (paid on first leg only), £26.45. TREBLE: Old Smokey, Peter Scott, Nostradamus, £162.75. JACKPOT: Not won. PLACEPOT: £135.90. DOUBLE DUAL FORECAST: Not won.

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1.15 (1.16) CRAILING HURDLE (Div I: Pt 1: £434: 3m)
Pennington, b g, by Ilbury—Brown Biscuit, 6-11-4 *R. Barry* (9-2) 1
Islander ... G. Holmes (25-1) 2
Bosciamalla ... C. Hawkins (7-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Miss Ponti, Tartan River, 11-2 Mazurka, 10-1 Tinkels, 25-1 Crichton Castle, Febrani (p), Lucker Chimes (4th), Sweet Innocence, Waterbeck Maid. 12 ran. Wealth Tax did not run.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 17p, £1.25, 20p; dual forecast (Pennington with any other horse), 12p. K. Oliver, at Hawick. 2l, 2l.

1.45 (1.48) CRAILING HURDLE (Div II: Pt 1: £445: 3m)
Caxton Hall, ch g, by Be Friendly—Widows, 7-11-1 C. Brownless (5-2) 1
Rostov ... I. Garner (12-1) 2
Our Prince ... D. Turnbull (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Killora (f), 4-1 Montana Prince (4th), 7-1 Airlaie Boy, 8-1 Running Deep, 12-1 Ricabert, 20-1 Arnside, 25-1 Callands, Meadows House, Barbarian Blue, Cheviot Star, Can Shy, *Tudor King, Sandman*. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 15p, 45p, 76p; dual forecast, £2.82. G. Richards, at Greystoke. 1l, 1½l.

2.15 (2.18) CRAILING HURDLE (Div I: Pt 2: £432: 2m)
Master Teddy, b g, by Master Buck—Sheila Ryan, 7-11-4 R. Barry (12-1) 1
Asream ... J. Mooney (6-1) 2
Arctic Silver ... Mr D. Shaw (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav The Flying Haggis (4th), 4-1 Tatora, 9-2 Schooner, 8-1 The Parch, 12-1 Ratherne, 14-1 *Viking Knight, Dark Warbler*, 33-1 Hillend Lady, Jimmie T, Quite Sood. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.84; places, 57p, 38p, £1.10; dual forecast, £13.79. R. F. Fisher, at Barrow in Furness. 3l, 5l.

2.45 (2.45) CESSFORD STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £433: 3m)
King Bee, ch g, by Lord of Verona—Queen Bee II, 8-12-0 Mr W. Brown (3-1) 1
Byzantium ... Mr J. Newton (8-11) 2
Weathervane Mr C. Cundall (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Classic Gem (4th), 14-1 Knight Valiant, 25-1 Morning Bloom, 33-1 Salmon Retz (p). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 28p, 21p; dual forecast, 31p. W. Reed, at Hexham. 1½l, nk.

3.15 (3.16) MOREBATTLE HURDLE (Handicap: £905: 2½m)
Top-N-Tale, gr m, by Sweet Story—Chop-n-Change, 8-9-11 C. Pimlott (10-1) 1
The Tinker ... D. Atkins (11-2) 2
Tel Brig ... J. J. O'Neill (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Royal Navy (f), 9-1 Foreign Embassy, 12-1 Harry Hedges, Heckley Surprise (4th), 14-1 Steeple Belle, 20-1 Some Hazard, 25-1 Red Herring, Story Teller. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.81; places, 30p, 34p, 16p; dual forecast, £4.07. G. Richard, at Greystoke. 13l, ½l.

3.45 (3.46) KOSB CUP (Handicap Steeplechase: £1,242: 3m)
King Con, b g, by Indian Ruler—Consong, 9-10-5 Mr P. Craggs (11-2) 1
Border Brig ... P. Mangan (9-2) 2
Sebastian V ... R. Lamb (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Bountiful Charles (f), 11-2 Rubstic (4th), 12-1 Cancot (p), 20-1 Tetravona. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 86p; places, 38p, 17p; dual forecast, 98p. G. Renilson, at Jedburgh. 10l, 4l.

4.15 YETHOLM STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £654: 3m 196yd)
Sionnaigh Beatina VI, gr g, by Bargello—Peg O'Grawn, 7-11-7 D. Atkins (100-30) 1
French Pi? D. Goulding (11-8 fav) 2
Cask and Glass ... T. Stack (5-1) 3
ALSO R.A.N: 14-1 Dunner Head, 16-1 Thunder (4th), 20-1 Solo Sam, Part One (p), Happy Boy (f), Crown Bird (f), 33-1 Burgundy Bond. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 26p, 11p, 11p; *dual forecast, 26p*. G. Fairbairn, at Hallington. Sh hd, ½l.

4.45 (4.48) CRAILING HURDLE (Div II: Pt 2: £439: 2m)
Rydal Mount, b g, by High Table—Cagey Baby, 8-11-9 Mr W. Hetherington (16-1) 1
Swallow Hill ... T. Stack (4-5) 2
Pasty Sandy ... D. Turnbull (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Tears of Joy, 8-1 *Melanna*, 14-1 Cairn Royal, 16-1 Glendaruel (4th), 20-1 Regal Tudor, 33-1 Moka, Sweet Georgette, Billy Ralph, Fleur de Firfol, Fioran. 13 ran. Johnny Tarquin, Running Blind did not run.
TOTE: Win, £1.46; places, 59p, 11p, £2.86; dual forecast, £8.48. E. Hetherington, at Aspatria. 2½l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Master Teddy (paid first leg), £102.85. TREBLE: Caxton Hall, King Bee, King Con, £66.80.

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2.15 (2.18) ERIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£494: 2m)
Eagle Bones, gr g, by Supreme Sovereign—Mirth (Mrs H. Cooper), 6-11-1 R. Evans (10-1) 1
Border Prince .. R. Rowell (12-1) 2
Philwin .... M. Floyd (8-1) 3
Nagaraja .... R. Linley (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav Dellwood Prince, Purple Emperor, 7-1 Le Bal Musette, 10-1 Four New Pence, 12-1 Fair Streak (f), Pickpocket, 14-1 Benidon (u), 16-1 Bril, Census (p), 20-1 Perce wood (f), Le Baudrier, Cheapside, Golden Breeze, Larella. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 79p; places, 21p, 22p; Philwin 17p, Nagaraja 59p; dual forecast, £5.28. G. Kindersley, at East Garston. 4l, 8l. The winner was bought in for 560 guineas.

2.45 (2.46) CLAYTON HUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£654: 3m)
Curlew River, ch g, by Jock Scot—Pepy (A. Scott), 13-11-7 Mr A. Scott (10-1) 1
Clonmellon Mr R. King (evens fav) 2
Double Gem .. Mrs N. Ledger (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Fort Vulgan, 11-1 Prince Tacitus (u), 12-1 Evagoras (p), 16-1 Concottage (f), Flyervale (p), 25-1 Our Marche (4th), Pava's Boy (f). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 13p, 25p, 27p; dual forecast, 55p. A. Scott, at Harelmere. Head, 5l.

3.15 (3.18) SHEEK'S RESTAURANT OYSTER HURDLE (Handicap: £1,006: 2m)
Virginia Drive, ch g, by Virginia Boy—Wood Grouse (B. Ashby), 6-10-6 J. Redmond (6-1) 1
Light the Fire .. R. Linley (8-1) 2
Baroncroft .... J. King (7-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Rosie Whisper, 11-2 Selway, 7-1 Crowning Issue (4th), Jack Jiggs, Mister Tuck, 20-1 Bargilisan, Peathy (f), 25-1 Legal Advice, 33-1 Michelle. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.09; places, 29p, 35p, 14p; dual forecast, £5.97. D. Underwood, at Bramley. 1l, ¾l.

3.45 (3.49) MOUNT HARRY STEEPLECHASE (£696: 2m 750yd)
Rathlek, ch g, by Menelek—Rathcoole (D. Greig), 8-11-11 R. Hyett (20-1) 1
Tagliatelle .... S. Parkyn (33-1) 2
Sporting Image R. Linley (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Celtic Venture (4th), 9-4 No Don't (f), 5-1 Oedipus (f), 25-1 Judy Brook (p), 33-1 Uncle Fred (p). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.43; places, 46p, 40p, 44p; dual forecast, £4.73. D. Greig, at Cranley. 8l, 8l. Cold Spell did not run.

4.15 (4.17) DON BUTCHERS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,025: 3m)
Tahini, b g, by Sheahoon—Fabaceous (Miss G. Eldon), 11-9-9 S. G. Knight (9-2) 1
Charles Swift B. R. Davies (10-1) 2
Coffee Bob Mr G. Moore (3-1) 3
Also Ran: 9-4 fav Princess Arcade, 9-1 French Rebel (4th), 10-1 Law Bench, 12-1 Frozen Saint (p), New Horn, 25-1 Brandy Blaze. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 23p, 23p, 11p; dual forecast, £4.78. ½l, 4l.

4.45 (4.47) WALLANDS NOVICE HURDLE (4-y-o: £746: 2m)
Royal Idol, b c, by Royal Captive—Lesanne (A. Allright), 11-0 F. McKenna (4-1) 1
Tugaroo .. P. Blacker (6-4 fav) 2
Jocks Bond .. H. Davies (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Lucky Runner, 5-1 Nampara Cove, 14-1 Good Intent, 16-1 Mingalles (4th), 20-1 Gestonbra, Lydias Own (p), My Tutor, 33-1 Swanee Rhythm (p), Peacock Vain. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 62p; places, 23p, 11p, 40p; dual forecast, £1.51. V. Cross, at Stockbridge. 4l, 15l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Virginia Drive, Tahini, £38.90. TREBLE: Curlew River, Rathlek, Royal Idol, £108.65.

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on Wanderers rejoined ham Hotspur in joint top n in the second division at en Park last night with an victory over a badly d Sunderland team. Only by Morgan in the last gave their performance tability.

lerland were reluctant to e match. Ten of their staff injured and their manager, Adamson, had made an essful attempt to get a post- ent. His lack of forwards viders and there was no but to attempt an increas- uccessful breakaway style. opportunity for Bolton to sequence of drawn matches vising but not as irresistible e would have thought. as their reputation over the wo or three years had been ith considered, progressive ll, here much of their play rried, especially in midfield they often lost possession. lerland breathed uneasily while in the early moments m a short corner Worthing- ammered the ball from to left across their goal- . A touch would have been but the ball ran on and Sunderland began to raise their voice.

Surprisingly they offered the most hopeful attack of the first half and again it was Bolton's carelessness in midfield that caused it. Reid, who had been one of Bolton's more constructive players, allowed Elliot to take the ball from him and race towards the more or less unguarded Bolton goal. McDonagh moved out to improve his chances and pushed the ball away. Sunderland were clearly helped by that moment of hope and their confidence increased.

Whatever was said by the Bolton manager, Ian Greaves, during half-time, the effect was to inspire the team to swamp the Sunderland goal immediately afterwards. Yet the end product was still largely unsatisfactory.

Worthington was given a rare opportunity to ease the crowd's growing dissatisfaction when Reid set him up with possession in front of Siddall, the Sunderland goalkeeper. Worthington hesitated and Siddall was able to delay. Bolton for a few more minutes.

Reid was again the provider in the belatedly successful move. He swung the ball across the penalty area; for Worthington killed it and turned it back for Whatmore to thrust across the line.

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uphold Burnham plea

ham's appeal that the dbury Greenway pitch was ize has been upheld by the ill Association, who have d the FA Vase quarter-final between the clubs to be re- at Burnham on Saturday. ham protested before last match that the pitch was to the FA regulation length yards. The match went on mondbury won 2—0. A fur- rotest was made, and three am officials, Malcolm Hig- manager), Ray Laverick (vice-president) and Dave Hillier (groundsman) went to Almonds- bury yesterday and measured the pitch.

They found that it had been lengthened during the weekend to conform with FA rules; but the Gloucestershire team assured them that this was done so that they would be able to stage representative matches there in the future.

Blue Star, a Wearside League team, will have to wait until the result of the replayed game

day's fixtures

Under-21 tournament
-final round (first leg)
l v Italy (at Maine Road).
t match
c of Ireland v Northern Ireland (Lansdowne Park, Dublin, 8.0).

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County v Liverpool.

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THERN LEAGUE: Cup (Semi- and, second leg); Waterlooville rough. Premier division: Dover- ford: Grantham v Worcester. First division (South): Folkestone and Shepway v Taunton.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup (Semi-final round, first leg): Boston United v Wigan Athletic.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Macclesfield v Poole; Scarborough v Morecambe.

Rugby Union
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: East Midlands v Barbarians (at Northampton, 3.0).
HOSPITALS CUP FINAL: London v St Marys (at Richmond, 3.0).
UAU CUP FINAL: Loughborough v Bristol (at Twickenham, 3.0).
CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Gloucester (7.0); Bath v Cheltenham (7.15); Cardiff v Bridgend (7.0); East Midlands v Barbarians (at Northampton, 7.15); Ebbw Vale v Llanelli (7.0); Nuneaton v Nottingham (7.15).

Rugby League
FIRST DIVISION: Widnes v Dewsbury.

Hockey
UNION LEAGUE: Cambridge University v Slough (2.45); Oxford University v St Albans (2.45).
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Exeter v Bangor (at Cheltenham College, 2.15).
OTHER MATCHES: Maidenhead v Royal Navy (2.45); Reading University v Southampton University (2.45).
WOMEN'S MATCH: United States v England Under-25 (at Cheltenham, 2.45).



Friendly rivalry: Garry Owen (left) and Peter Barnes during England Under-21 training yesterday.

England should take a clear lead to Rome

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Having sailed into the quarter-final round of the European under-21 championship with a record of having scored 17 goals and conceded only two, England tonight (7.30) play Italy at Maine Road in a match that promises keener competition for a team who have played as brightly as their record suggests. There is nothing "junior" about either side.

On a recent visit to play a preparatory game against Luton Town, the Italians were loath to risk injuries on a night that lacked a competitive edge. Like the English team, they are all valuable members of league clubs and indeed, two have already been transferred within the Italian league for more than £500,000 each. Tonight they will have plenty to gain and should offer an interesting English selection an enlightening match.

Since they beat Norway 6—0 last September, to ensure a place in the quarter-final round, England defeated Finland 8—1 in October when Woodcock, of Nottingham Forest, scored three goals in 14 minutes. They have also been taken over by David Sexton and Terry Venables as part of Ron Greenwood's plan to delegate responsibility for England's organization. Club commitments and injuries have forced several changes since the last match but the emphasis on skilful players in all areas of the game is maintained.

The promising recent performances of the full England team from a 4—4—2 base suggests that this flexible, if arduous, platform will be used in all of the teams under Mr Greenwood's overall control. It certainly offers flexibility but makes heavy demands on the players who carry the attacks wide from midfield. Fortunately, England now seem to be developing more young players skilful enough to accept this responsibility. Barnes, enjoying home advantage tonight, has already shown he can do this for the senior England side.

With Anderson, the only new cap, always keen to attack from deep in defence, Hoddle bringing his elegant, almost casual style to midfield, and Cunningham offering his wide variety o skills, England hope to take a clear lead to Rome for the return match on April 5.

ENGLAND: Corrigan (Manchester City); Anderson (Nottingham Forest), Peach (Southampton, captain), Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), Sims (Leicester City), P. Futcher (Luton Town); Cunningham (West Bromwich Albion), Woodcock (Nottingham Forest), Deehan (Aston Villa), Owen (Manchester City); Barnes (Manchester City). Substitutes: I. Bradshaw (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Samson (Crystal Palace), S. Williams (Southampton), Wicks (Crystal Palace), Langley (Chelsea).
ITALY: (Sq): Galbiati, Cannuti, Gattari, Sala (captain), Dibarlolomei, Agostinelli, Rossi, Bagni. Substitutes: Tavocchi, Barsal, Tavola, Fanna, Giordano.
Referee: R. Nyhus (Norway).

England goalkeeper, Ray Clemence, ends a run of 333 consecutive appearances for Liverpool today when a shoulder injury causes him to miss the meeting with Derby County at the Baseball Ground.

Clemence, who suffered the injury against Chelsea last weekend, is also doubtful for the game with Leeds United on Saturday, but the manager, Bob Paisley, confidently expects him to be back in time to play in the European Cup quarter final second leg with Benfica next week.

Bond says he will stay with Norwich

John Bond, wanted by Birmingham City as manager, is staying at Norwich City. Bond met his directors this morning, and afterwards Sir Arthur South, the chairman, read a brief statement.

The statement said: "The board discussed the present possibility of the manager moving to Birmingham. They told the manager they were very happy with him and felt it would not be in his or the club's interests to release him from his contract on this occasion.

"They were not saying that, on future occasions, should other approaches be made, they would necessarily arrive at the same decision. The manager accepted the board's ruling and confirmed he was happy in Norwich running a team in the future success of which he had every confidence."

Neither Mr Bond nor Sir Arthur would elaborate and the board meeting continued with routine business, but Sir Arthur did make it clear that Bond was staying under the terms of his present contract.

Sir Alf Ramsey, who resigned as manager of Birmingham on Monday talked to various members of the staff, including Ken Oliver, the caretaker-manager, and Alan Instine, the secretary, yesterday. He did not see Keith Coombs, the chairman. It was later announced that he would talk about his resignation, and his future, at St Andrews today.

Blackpool have offered Jimmy Meadows, their caretaker manager, the control of team affairs until the end of the season. Meadows, who has been running the team since the dismissal of Allan Brown, the manager, a month ago has not yet accepted the offer. The directors offered him the post until May 31 when presumably they will be in a position to make a permanent appointment.

Robson out for the rest of season

John Robson, the Aston Villa defender, has been ruled out for the remainder of the season. His long term future is in doubt also because he has been suffering from acute vertigo and has been in hospital.

Robson, 27, cost Villa £80,000 when he joined them from Derby County in December 1972. He has made 141 League appearances, the last one against Nottinghamshire Forest in September.

Robson has since had an operation on a pelvic injury, but started suffering from giddyness after attempting a comeback in the third team.

The manager, Ron Saunders, revealed that Robson first started to suffer from dizziness and sickness about five weeks ago. "A specialist told us he is suffering from acute vertigo. John, however, is now improving but he definitely won't play again this season".

Ice skating

It is an ice-cold morning in Ottawa and Cousins is warming up

From John Hennessy
Ottawa, March 7

It is 9.0 am here in the Ottawa Sportsplex. Robin Cousins, the British skating champion, removes his skate guards and pushes his way on to the ice. Ahead of him lies about 12 minutes of skating spread over three days in which to establish himself as the best in the world. He has to perform three compulsory figures today, a short programme tomorrow containing seven obligatory elements in the main arena at the Civic Centre, and finally five minutes of free skating, also at the Civic Centre, on Thursday evening.

He begins by inscribing a figure on the ice and consults his Italian-born trainer, Carlo Fassi (John Curry's Svengali two years ago), who leans on the boards surrounding the rink, accompanied by his German-born wife. It is a cosmopolitan operation since all three nowadays are based on Denver, Colorado. Another figure, another consultation. The Fassis occasionally consult each other as their charge strives to add a last little refinement in this agreeable form of geometry.

Cousin's hope of the European championship in Strasbourg a month ago vanished at this precise point. He produced a wretched first figure that elicited marks ranging from an abysmal 2.9 (out of 6.0) from the Danish judge to a scarcely more encouraging 3.5 from Mary Groombridge, a compatriot. That, coupled with an only marginally better second figure, asked too much of even Cousin's superlative free skating on the final evening.

Fassi notices something technically amiss and draws Cousins's attention to it. The Briton's start number is 16. Competitor number 11, an Australian of modest ambitions, is now under the judge's scrutiny, so there are about 25 minutes left for preparation of the mind and the method.

Out here we are far from the madding crowd and the musical accompaniment of the Civic Centre. Apart from those associated in some way or another with the championships, there are only a handful of spectators to witness this esoteric ritual. Nineteen of every 20 seats await a warming bottom, at a dollar a head, if that makes anatomical sense. The figures are carried through in a cathedral quiet, broken only by announcements over the public address.

Camp followers are sometimes known to clap as a form of encouragement, or in appreciation of some particularly good tracing, real or imagined, but not here in Ottawa. In spite of brilliant sunshine, perhaps the bitter cold outside, 25 degrees of frost Fahrenheit, has numbed the senses. In any case, from the distance of the spectator seats it is impossible truly to evaluate the figures. I recall the occasion during the 1972 Olympics at Sapporo when an American team leader with more than his fair share of sawdust between the ears led some raucous applause on behalf of Janet Lynn, who, a minute or two later, dissolved into a flood of tears in the wake of marks appropriate to a disastrous figure.

At 9.25 the public address intones, "The next competitor, Robin Cousins, of Great Britain", and our tall young hero blides into the battle zone.

He fidgets about looking for a suitable place to start, rather as an over-fussy hen might in selecting a spot to squat. That decided, he stretches his arms sideways to indicate the "long axis", which may not align with that of a previous competitor, and having received a nod of approval from the referee, pushes off with his left foot. By now some of the more knowing spectators will have moved places in order better to line up the circles and see if they can detect any special merit or defect.

This figure is an inside rocker, involving three adjacent circles on inside edges, sometimes on the left foot, sometimes on the right, sometimes moving forward, sometimes backward with the head twisted over the shoulder. The figure has to be traced three times, the second and third superimposed on the first so precisely as, ideally, to leave one tracing on the ice and not three. His arms should be extended at a constant angle to the body, below waist level, throughout the whole figure, with the palms facing the ice. He must give himself enough impulsion at the pushoff to provide enough momentum to "let the blades run" and so get a more fluid movement.

Why, one asks in parenthesis, are the skaters being asked to perform this esoteric exercise. At the risk of being accused of heresy, would a pianist be judged by the quality of his scales, a dancer by her dexterity at the bar? The idea of the means to an end becoming an end in themselves carries a hint of absurdity.

The figures have last [illegible] recently, and from once being the more important element (in those days there were no short programmes to add a third dimension) they now account for only 30 per cent of the marks. Since [illegible] are invariable marked much [illegible] than either the short programme or the free, they are really worth about only a quarter of the marks, but, as they say in these parts, I figure it may be still a quarter too much.

Cousins finishes his exercise and skates away, all smiles, leaving the judges to perform theirs. They tramp about in their heavily insulated boots, inspecting this, measuring that, and questioning the other. Finally, they are decided, and at the word of the referee they display their conclusions, ranging this time from 3.6 to 4.0. As someone with a homely London accent said, we're in business.

The second and third figures were less successful, but Cousins's overall mark, 99.9, compares favourably with Strasbourg (94.4) and with the world championships last year on Tokyo (94.3). In Tokyo he lay 10th at this stage; this time he is fourth. Vladimir Kovalev (Soviet Union), the world champion, is in the lead, followed by Jan Hoffmann (East Germany), the European champion, and Charles Tickner, the American champion. All are acknowledged superior figure skaters to Cousins, so all is by no means lost.

Rowing

Eton head of the river despite penalty

By Jim Railton

Eton, who were the fastest school crew in last Saturday's Reading Head, won the School Head of the River Race yesterday over the two miles Tideway course. But Eton's tactics in delaying their start by a minute, led to complaints, and they were awarded a 10 seconds penalty by the race committee. But even so, the Eton eight with most of the crew on board, who won the colts title in this event last year, were still a second and a half faster, than the runners-up Shrewsbury. So Shrewsbury, for the second year running, finished second with some small consolation in winning the open class pennant.

But Shrewsbury's hopes for a first win in this event were frustrated by an influenza bug and yesterday they rowed with two substitutes on board. Shrewsbury just held on to second place with half a second to spare over Latymer Upper with the host school, Westminster, in fourth place.

Radley, starting as a new entry moved up 27 places to finish sixth. While Emanuel, who have dominated this event so often in the past, plunged to twenty-seventh with their three man out of action with a broken slide. Winchester, who finished eleventh, had equipment problems, too, and would certainly have improved their position.

EIGHTS: 1. Eton A, 7min 57.5sec; 2. Shrewsbury, 7min 59sec; 3. Latymer Upper, 7min 59.5sec; 4. Westminster, 8min 2.5sec; 5. Bedford, 8min 4.6sec; 6. Radley, 8min 8sec; 7. St Edward's, 8min 9.5sec; 8. Bedford Modern, 8min 6.5sec; 9. Norwich, 8min 6.5sec; 10. Eton E, 8min 8sec; 11. Winchester, 8min 9.5sec; 12. Hampton, 8min 12sec; 13. Winchester B, 8min 15sec; 14. Eton B, 8min 12sec; 15. Bedford B, 8min 12.5sec; 16. Tiffin A, 8min 14.5sec; 17. Eton C, 8min 15sec; 18. Sir William Borlase's, 8min 16.5sec; 19. St George's, 8min 18sec; 20. Canford, 8min 18.5sec.
PENANT WINNERS: Eight: Head of the River, and Junior 18, Eton. Opeg: Shrewsbury. Junior 16: Eton E. Junior 15: Westminster C. Junior 15 (restricted): Winchester C. Junior 14: Winchester D.
PENNANT WINNERS: Head and open winners: KCS Wimbledon, 8min 35sec. Open restricted: Strode's B, 8min 45sec. Junior 16: Spring Hill, 8min 54sec. Junior 16: Restricted: Barn Elms, 9min 15.5sec. Junior 15: Restricted: Strode's C, 9min 12.5sec.

by Union

pang to prompt Hignell to move

ter West
r Correspondent

i this week, when David was preferred for England's itional against Ireland, Alis- gnell had been his country's oice at full-back for almost rears. Hignell won his first Brisbane in 1975 against lia, playing with much e, dash and security in a that began with a shudder- l quite disgraceful violence.

an's outstanding performa- n the Calcutta Cup match turday prompts the thought n the interests of England, l should consider reverting old position at scrum half encouraged to do so by the l selectors as well as by his rcisor.

hamstring twinge that kept t of England's side against d, so giving Caplan the that seemed to have eluded hen he had to pull out of each game, will be seen by as the last frustration in on in which he has been led by injuries. This sturdy ker, who has looked a bit ight recently, will be deter- to win back the England k position next season. But that he, too, may ponder nefits that could ensue if uld revert to scrum half.

him to pick up his game in ason will take time. Given months of first class club l, he might have honed it ently to be in the running ection by the South and the West against the All Blacks ember.

chairman of Bristol's selec- committee, Michael Pegler, son had a fine game on a for the England 16-group Portugal last week, said e club fully recognized from tset the promise of Hignell rum half, but were content, land's interests, to see his ment as a full back. "How- he added, "we shall always pared to discuss his future e national selectors. It is that so good a footballer



Hignell: could benefit by reverting to scrum half.

must command a place somewhere in our side."

The England selectors have not talked about the possibility of Hignell reverting to scrum half but their chairman, Sandy Sanders, made it clear to me yesterday that, although they have no doubts about his potential as a scrum half, they would need to see him playing consistently in that position before considering him as a candidate there. In the end, it may have to be a decision that Hignell takes himself.

Hignell went up from Denstone College to Cambridge in the autumn of 1974 as captain of the England 19-group side and as a scrum half of such potential that some observers, not given to hyperbole, saw in him another Gareth Edwards. At that time there was no shortage of good scrum halves at Cambridge—nor has there been since—and the man in possession was Richard Harding, secretary of the university club and another Bristolian, who already had played for Gloucestershire.

It suited Cambridge's book to try out so accomplished an all-round games player as Hignell at full-back—with immediately gratifying results. It was a decision that led to his winning ten English caps.

At Twickenham last December, he and O'Callaghan, an All Black wing, were threatened to equal C. D. Aarvold's (now Judge Sir Carl) record of playing in four successive and successful Cambridge sides. Oxford had other ideas about that, of course, and it remains debatable whether Hignell should have played in that match because he was so short of match practice.

I understand that Hignell will be taking up a teaching appointment at the Cathedral School, Bristol, next September, which will leave him free to play cricket for Gloucestershire and to further his rugby career in whatever position is decided best. He is expected to be fit to play for Bristol in the John Player Cup quarter-final round at Coventry on Saturday.

Cup is lined with gold for Coventry

Covehtry will be assured of £1,500 from this season's John Player Cup, if they beat Bristol in Saturday's quarter-final round tie at Coundon Road.

Coventry feel that it is time they started making some money from a competition which they won in 1973 and 1974. The John Player sponsorship was increased after 1974.

Peter Sharp, Coventry's secretary, said: "Of course the money is not the be all and end all, but these days it would be foolish to pretend that finance does not matter. An away trip could cost us anything over £1,000 and we are naturally interested in what we can take at the gate and from the sponsors."

The tie with Bristol should attract a crowd of 5,000, with each team collecting around £2,000 in addition to the prize money. Defeat on Saturday yields a prize of £1,000, whereas a semi-final place guarantees £1,500 and it is worth £2,000 to reach the final.

Coventry hope that Paul Coulthard, a centre and Jim Broderick, a prop, will have recovered from ankle injuries. Geoffrey Evans and John Shipsides are unavailable because of a business conference.

Barbarians change

The Barbarians have had to make a late change in their side to meet East Midlands in the Momms Memorial match at Northampton today (3.0). John Scott, the Rosslyn Park and England forward, injured a shoulder at Murrayfield on Saturday and has had to withdraw. His place at lock will be taken by Clive Davis, a newbridge forward, who was yesterday chosen for the Wales national party for the first time.

Earls Court plan to scoop the pool in floating an asset that the world forgot

The great white elephant surfaces in SW5

By Richard Streeton

For more than 40 years the world's largest indoor swimming pool of its typ ehas lain forgotten and unused in west London. It now represents one of the cardinal assets behind plans to bring major international sporting events regularly over the next decade to the vast Earls Court arena. In a deliberate, new policy to fit sport at its highest levels within their heavy exhibition commitents, Earls Court Limited are already having preliminary talks with several governing bodies in sport.

Eventually, these discussions are expected to lead to important world championships such as those for swimming and ice skating being held in Britain for the first time. Plans are under way to bring the European indoor athletics championships to Earls Court in 1981. Other sports likely to be accommodated could include badminton, bowls, boxing, fencing, show jumping and indoor hockey and cricket, both of which are expanding rapidly. Such is the space available on the site—during the war it was used for storing tanks and for making barrage balloons—that several of these sports could take place simultaneously.

It is, however, the swimming pool with its 12—15,000 seating which will arouse the greatest curiosity, perhaps, as its very existence is hardly known to the ajority of the swimming world. Like a legendary graveyard for elephants, rumours of the gigantic, unseen Earls Court pool have existed only in the fading memories of older officials, and in dusty files at the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) offices.

The pool's dimensions far exceed the stipulations required for modern championships. Its length is 200ft (60.959 metres); its breadth is 100ft (30.48 metres) and it has a maximum depth of 13ft 6in. To complete the mind-reeling statistics, it holds 2.25 million gallons of water and takes four days to fill and four more to empty. It has been beneath the main exhibition floor unsuspected by millions of visitors since Earls Court was opened in 1937.

A false bottom to the pool is made up by three hydraulic platforms—each larger than the flight deck lifts on most aircraft carriers—that are raised and lowered by a solitary lever. There is nothing quite comparable to this in the world. In size the US Air Force training pool in Denver, Colorado, has a larger surface of water but no seating for spectators. The Olympic pool in Tokyo is smaller but can seat 18,000 spectators.

The Earls Court pool has never been used for competitive swimming. Exhibitions from the start were the prime interest for the owners and the intervention of the war helped its presence fade from most minds. The only people ever to swim in it were Johnny Weissmuller and Esther Williams with an aqua show. Even the pool's use at the annual Boat Show has never prompted visitors to wonder how the exhibits were floated.

Norman Sarsfield, the ASA secretary, has long had the ambition to bring the world championships to Britain. With only a handful of 50-metre pools scattered round the country, it seemed he would never see his aim fulfilled. When Earls Court officials contacted him, he could not believe that the facilities were still in suitable order after so many years of disuse, but he admits he was wrong.

Two full-length pools and their accompanying facilities are required by host nations for the world championships. The Earls Court pool, coupled with the Crystal Palace complex, where diving and water polo would be staged, make it possible for the ASA to consider seriously an application for the world championships to be held in London in 1982.

The sites for these will be allocated next August in West Berlin during the 1978 world championships. Applications in fact closed last week, but the date is likely to be extended as, I understand, that the only two candidatures so far received, from New Zealand and California, may not be ruled suitable.

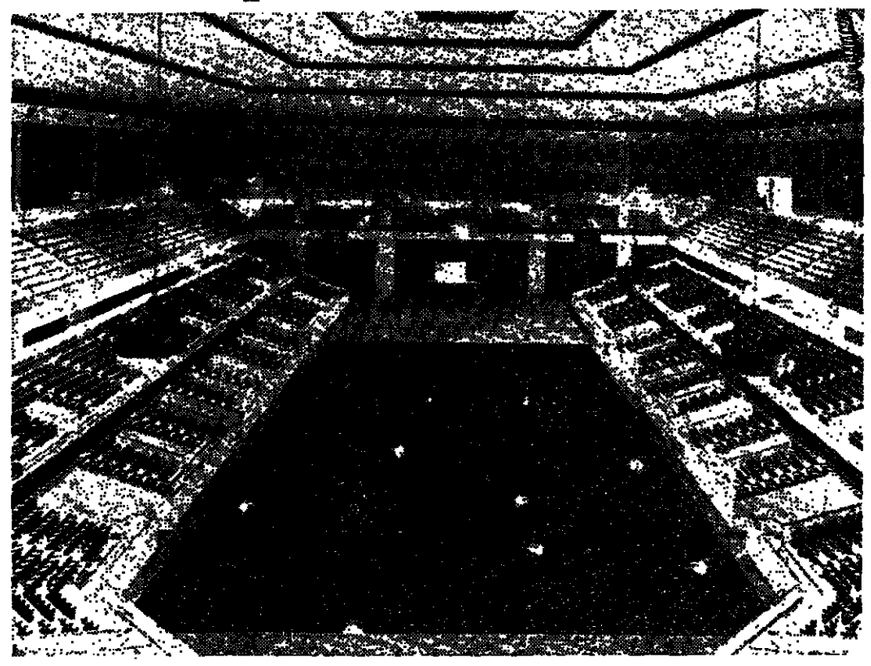
The ASA and Earls Court at the moment differ in their estimates of the cost involved to put on the world championships, remembering also that a certain amount of modernizing and adaptation will be required at the arena. A figure of £250,000 was one ASA estimate; something much larger was expected by Earls Court. These sums are not quite as awe inspiring as they appear in these days of sponsorship, television rights and marketing sidelines.

The recent trend for major sporting events to be held alongside trade exhibitions would suit Earls Court. They have both the space and expertize to handle this sort of thing for a sporting body, provided the latter already have the necessary financial backing. When the planning for all this comes nearer to fruition, the intention is that Earls Court would, probably, first house the national age group meeting and then the national championships. The age group pevent, involving 4-5,000 children, would be a particularly useful exercise to test the organization and equipment. Something like 1,000 and more of the competitors for these could sleep in the hall th dormitory type conditions.

From the swimmers' point of view, the Earls Court pool could yield fast times. Laser beams would measure the 50 metre length required and perforated walled ends would help dispose the bow waves created by the competitors, that usually wash back in their faces. The cost of installing the sophisticated electrical timing equipment needed nowadays for sports such as swimming could cost as much as £1m. The Omega matrix board most commonly used cannot be hired on this scale. A permanent fixture, however, could possibly come into its own for advertisements for every exhibition and event held for many years afterwards.

A warm-up tank would also have to be built for swimming championships; the space is there, but again the costs would be high. Turning to other sports, two rinks will have to be installed for ice skating programmes. For indoor athletics a 200 metre track has to be acquired. Other events in some ways are easier. Professional tennis players last year found the mai nhall and lighting among the best of its type anywhere in the world. The arena has two main halls for racket games and other such sports, each capable of seating 4,000 and two more halls on the first floor where 2,000-3,000 can watch. A squash centre, with seven courts, is now on the drawing boards.

Obviously, much expense will be involved and a great seal of bargaining and hard work remain to be done before the sporting ambitions for Earls Court are achieved. Certainly, only the main competitions in each sport will be viable propositions. It is a big place and the Earls Court management have some big ideas. If they succeed it is hard to quarrel with the view of Ralph Carver, the company's chief executive, that Earls Court's new approach represents one of the most significant policy decisions evertaken to help British sport. Mr Carver's firm are a commercial organization, but the facilities they have in mind to hire out are mammoth and in many ways unique.



Johnny Weissmuller swam here: The pool that has emerged from the undergrowth.

Heart of the Randstadt
A SPECIAL REPORT IN THE TIMES

This *Special Report* originally scheduled for March 8th will now appear on March 16th.

We regret any inconvenience caused by this change.

THE TIMES

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e are three changes in St team for the Hospitals Cup final against London at nd today. Elias replaces on a wing, Moir, who was at the time of the semi- against Westminster, comes Shute at prop, and Wake- ins the back row instead

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Loughborough aim for honours in final

By Richard Streeton

Loughborough Students, the holders of the Universities Athletic Union championship, meet Bristol at Twickenham today (3 pm) in a final which promises to be one of the more spectacular matches of a competition that in recent years has been an important source for players at all levels.

Loughborough's tradition for open rugby has always been seen at its best in the UAU championship. Under various guises they have won the title 15 times since 1953.

This winter they took some time to find their best team but they have emerged a fluid and strongly equipped combination. Seven members of their side are UAU representatives.

Whiteley, the full back, Williams, on the left wing, O'Callaghan, the No 8, and Hardy, the hooker, are survivors from the team which beat Newcastle, 23—3, in last year's final. In addition De Lacy, the Hull and East Riding lock who is remarkably mobile for a 15st man, played then for Newcastle.

Woodward, a constructive centre who has played for Harlequins, Eastern Counties and England Under-23, is perhaps Loughborough's best known player. This season he has confirmed the promise of a career disrupted twice by broken legs.

Loughborough's Welsh back row are expected to play a dominant role: O'Callaghan has experience with Aberavon; Howard Thomas (London Welsh) is powerful in the loose and strong in defence; and Brian Morgan is an elusive runner who has played for Swansea.

Bristol, the first winners of the title 56 years ago, last played in the final in 1972, when they defeated Durham, 19—18. Doole, a right-head prop, is the only member of that side playing this afternoon. Bristol are a fast, quick-passing team who have tried to model their game on the handling and support play shown by the recent Australian schoolboy team in Britain. They have the advantage of maturity, most of their players being third or fifth year students.

Watson, the Bristol captain and centre, is a sound player; Horsfall and Chapman are speedy and direct runners on the wings. Bristol's chief strength lies in the effectiveness of their forwards, not least in the front five, with Troughton, a Gloucestershire and England Under-23 second row man, a proven competitor.

It was Troughton's success in the lineout which helped Bristol beat Leeds in the semi-final round. A late dropped goal by Masters, the stand-off, clinched the result but Bristol were acknowledged to be the better team in an evenly contested match.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY: R. Wright (Woodlands, Coventry); I. Horsfall (Worth, Reading), C. Harvey (Maidstone GS), J. Watson (Broxbourne, captain), M. Chapman (Hurstpierpoint); J. Masters (Sandbach), J. Chandler (Whitgift); W. Hobhouse (Eton), I. Paterson (Banagor GS), D. Doole (Harrow GS), K. Francis (Skinner's, Tunbridge Wells), A. Troughton (Warwick), P. Cumber (Hampton), P. Horton (Solihull), A. Evans (Clifton).
LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS: A. Whiteley (Blaydon GS); P. Iddon (Merchant Taylors', Crosby), C. Woodward (HMS Conway), R. Bodenham (Brockley GS), K. Williams (St Julian's RS); G. Glynn (St Edward's, Liverpool), Wright (Hutton GS); M. Thomas (Duffryn GS), S. Hardy Baddow GS, Chelmsford), I. Lindley (Bingley GS), J. Wills (Hanegrove GS, Harlow), P. De Lacy (Hull GS), B. Thomas (Glyn GS), C. O'Callaghan (St Joseph's GS), B. Morgan (Maesgeddenwen GS).
Referee: R. C. Quittenton (London).

SPORT

Cricket

England run out of enterprise but have no shortage of excuses

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Auckland, Mar 7

Not many Test match rest days pass, at any rate when England are on tour, *without questions* being asked, if not always answered, as to why more overs have not been bowled or more runs scored. Provide Geoffrey Boycott with an audience and he will talk about it for as long as anyone likes to listen.

The reasons given for England spending nearly five hours yesterday, the third day of the third Test match against New Zealand, making only 142 runs were predictable, the frequent showers were to blame, so Boycott said.

"It was difficult to know what was going on with all your showers. The bowlers came off, had a change of shirt and vest, then on we went again"; then there was the fact that England had in Radley a "guy playing in only his second Test match" and New Zealand had in Collinge a bowler who runs up for 46 paces. England, too, are "trying to find a settled order"; Miller, who has been "*in good nick*" *lately* was injured, and it is, after all, a six day match.

There is not a word of a lie in any of this. What worries me is that it is equally true to say that with a different outlook the same players need not have bored the pants off the people who watched quite as they did. To some extent Congdon is a "negative" bowler because the batsmen allow him to be—by not playing at anything outside the off stump. Nothing shows more clearly how the game has changed in the past, say, 30 years than the way straight and harmless balls wide of the off stump are left to pass by, rather than being seen by the batsman as a potential bonus.

Boycott's reply when asked whether he was pleased with England's batting yesterday was: "I don't think it was particularly different from the way New Zealand batted." Asked whether he would want to push the score along tomorrow he said: "We shall have to wait and see; we may lose early wickets."

The other way of looking at it would have been to say that we must do better than New Zealand and that we do want to push things along. The length of Collinge's run is ridiculous, certainly, but so is the length of Lever's and Willis's. The New Zealand over-rate is shocking, but so is England's. Showers are unsettling to batsmen, I know, but they also take the shine off the ball for the bowlers. To be or not to be submissive: it is always partly a matter of taking one's *pick*.

This, in Boycott's opinion, is a "good Test pitch". Yet, although "pleased" with his own form, he took four hours to score 54. In trying to make up for lost time tomorrow the younger, more adventurous, less distinguished players will not, I hope, be driven to recklessness. That is one of the dangers of all this early caution.

The sooner a restriction is placed on the length of the bowler's run-up the better. The regulation to be brought in immediately in schools' and first-class cricket after a period in which those who run a long way can make the necessary adjustments. This surely is a simple remedy to a part of the problem of slow over-rates.

To judge from the distance that all but a very few of the great fast bowlers have gone back (Wes Hall, the West Indian, and Dennis Lillee are exceptions) long run-ups are not essential for generating speed. When, in Australia in 1954-55, Frank Tyson cut several yards off his run his control was dramatically improved and his pace unaffected.

On being asked what went through his mind when Collinge was lumbering all that way up to bowl Boycott said, disarmingly: "My dad used to work down t'pit and I think that what I'm doing is better than that." While appreciating the difficulties of implementation, such as running out of light and time, Boycott favours a minimum number of overs in every day's Test cricket as a means of *raising the tempo*.

In all countries outside England time is wasted, I think, taking drinks. It is not a case of a quick drink on a hot day, but often of a slow drink on a cold day, simply to delay the opposition. What is wrong with a run-up of no more than the length of the pitch itself, and drink intervals of no longer than two minutes?

As for the present match, England are 143 runs behind New *Zealand with eight first innings* wickets left and three days play to come—"quite nicely balanced" as Boycott puts it. Although half over, the game is nothing like half finished. Both sides have so far been jockeying for position. If England "jockey" much longer it will be a draw.

Cricket is a difficult game, I know; each year it becomes more so, as it is increasingly dominated by fast and medium pace bowling. But it is surprising what can be done when the spirit is willing, even when, as now, the players are not of vintage quality.

Having unwittingly given the impression that England objected to the appointments of Fred Goodall as one of the umpires for this Test match, Ken Barrington said today that this was not so, adding on behalf of the players that they were "looking forward to seeing Mr Goodall standing in matches in England *in the coming season*". Mr Goodall is paying his own way to England to do so and is one of those taking over from Messrs Sang Hue (West Indies) and Brooks (Australia) who came for the experience to England last year. Mr Gardiner, *incidentally*, one of the umpires here in Auckland, turned down a substantial fee from the Packer organization to stand beneath the big top.

W Indies tighten policy

From a Special Correspondent
Port of Spain, March 7

The West Indian Board of Control for Cricket will not only announce increased fees for Test matches after their win against Australia, but also a form of contract which will be offered to *their players to secure their services* for a given period. Although traditionally one of the poorest cricketing authorities, they see this measure as an essential attempt to prevent further poaching by the Packer organization.

Desmond Haynes is now a prime target for Packer and he will be able to consider fully the implications of his situation after such sparkling batting at Port of Spain. Kallicharran, who found himself unable to get a second sight of his Packer contract during his own personal crisis last summer is another likely to receive an offer of security.

The form of contract has been submitted to a Trinidad QC for approval and doubtless the Test and County Cricket Board will be keen to secure a copy in view of their own costly legal experience in recent months.

DEVONPORT: Sheffield Shield: New South Wales 327 and 184 (Cowmeadow 4 for 35); Tasmania 256 and 191 for 6. Match drawn.

Procter to be Gloucestershire captain again

Michael Procter will captain Gloucestershire again this summer but for the first time in their history, the club's management committee did not get their nomination accepted automatically at the annual meeting in Cheltenham. Mr Harold Pate, a retired clerk to Dursley Rural District Council, raised a lone objection on the grounds that Procter had played for Kerry Packer's World Cricket series during the winter.

Squash rackets

Hunt gets down to leg work for the Open

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Hashim Khan, the greatest player in the history of squash rackets, is to compete in Britain for the first time since 1959. At the age of 62 he has entered for the over-55 championship to be played in conjunction wit bthe British open championship, which will be sponsored by Avis, the car rental company, at Wembley from March 31 to April 8.

Between the ages of 35 and 42 Hashim won the British open championship (then the de facto world championship) seven times in eight seasons, a record that has never been equalled. He has since settled in Denver, working as a coach while retaining his zest for competition. Ridiculous though it seems in view of his age and the modest stature of the over-55 event, Hashim must obviously play his matches on Wembley's championship court. Even that will be inadequate for the number of spectators eager to savour the memory of a legendary champion.

Hashim's son Sharif, who dominates North American squash, is to compete in the open championship itself, which will carry £11,520 in prize money and a first prize of £2,000. The world champion, Geoffrey Hunt, is top seed. Hunt finished fourth in the Shepherd Spacemaker tournament at Sheffield last weekend. But that was his first tournament in four months and his leg muscles were obviously out of condition. In preparation for Wembley he is to compete in the Irish championship and then the Slazenger festival at Chichester. "*I shall be playing* a lot of squash, which I need at the moment".

The quarter-final round predicted by the seedings was Hunt v Safwat, Alauddin v Jahan, Watson v Mohibullah, and Nancarrow v Zaman. This was rather too predictable. The Squash Rackets Association an dthe International Squash Players' Association are considering means of introducing more unusual pairings by submitting seeds to a draw within a draw. A *total* of 97 entries were accepted. Of these 53 go into the first round and 44 (many of them well-known players) will compete in a qualifying competition for the 11 vacancies.

The show business celebrities who make the draw on such occasions are usually on a hiding to nothing if they dare to make broad comments about the world game. But Terry Wogan made a totally valid point when, noting that *there were only two British* players among the 16 seeds, he suggested that as the game was played indoors, Britain had no excuse for not being good at it. "We can't blame the weather."

Hockey

Army find the opposition too strong

By Sydney Friskin

Civil Service 4 Army 0

The Army hockey team found the opposition much to strong yesterday at Chiswick where Civil Service achieved their eleventh successive victory over a team from the armed forces. Civil Service are contemplating a revision of fixtures for next season with a view to playing stronger sides.

Like the Royal Air Forces last week the Army were short of manpower and played with ten men for 25 minutes after which they were reinforced by Carty who played on the left wing and later changed positions with McCrum to play centre forward. The change made the attack look a little sharper.

Sandy at centre half did his best to marshal the Army's forces around him against heavy odds. But the speed and craft of the Civil Service players gave them overwhelming power in midfield, the area of their best laid schemes. Stobbie was the outside player in attack.

The Army might have made deeper inroads if they had made more use of Boulter on the right wing. He was neglected for most of the match and had to fend for himself. Stamp made a few raids into the Civil Service circle but their unyielding defence frustrated his intentions. Noy, playing his first representative match, had a comfortable afternoon in goal.

In spite of all their superiority, Civil Service took 18 minutes to score. From a short corner, Stobbie pushed out to Sutherland whose shot bounced off the goalkeeper's pads. Stobbie made a perfect hand-stop and scored with a neat flick. Sutherland failed a couple of minutes later to accept a gift presented by Bruce who sent a rolling pass across the face of the goal. Bruce consoled himself by racing through the whole defence to score the second goal a minute before the interval.

Stamp began the second half with a rush into the Civil Service circle and tried an angular shot which just missed the far post. Ten minutes later an all-Scottish effort involving Sutherland, Stobbie and Bruce ended with Bruce scoring an easy goal. In the 22nd minute Ellis was badly obstructed in the circle and Sibia converted the inevitable penalty stroke after which the game became too one-sided to have much appeal.

CIVIL SERVICE: R. Roy (Post Office); J. C. C. Browne (Post Office), F. Giles (Min of Defence), J. F. Brindley (Lord Chancellor's Office, captain), D. N. Dixon (Home Office), E. Sibia (Inland Revenue), P. R. Ellis (Customs and Excise), A. M. Stobbie (Dept of Environment), C. Sutherland (Dept of Environment, sub, M. Hodge, Customs and Excise), W. S. Bruce (DHSS), E. P. Vickery (Inland Revenue).
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Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	—	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	100	300	Good	Powder	Fair	Fine		2
Excellent skiing								
Avoriaz	170	210	Icy	Varied	Good	Fine		3
Good skiing, worn patches								
Grindelwald	20	110	Good	Varied	Fair	Cloud		2
Sun above 1,200 metres								
Isola 2,000	210	280	Good	Good	Good	Fine		5
Good skiing on and off piste								
La Plagne	185	280	Good	Varied	Good	Fine		4
Good skiing everywhere								
Mürren	80	180	Good	Powder	Fair	Fine		-2
Excellent skiing above 2,000 metres								
Niederau	20	45	Poor	Varied	Poor	Fair		1
New snow, slight improvement								
Zermatt	140	260	Good	Good	Fair	Fine		5
Superb skiing conditions								

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources.

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
GERMANY					
Berchtesgden	—	35	Poor	—	-3
Hindelang	35	60	Spring	—	-1
Kleinwalsertal	60	130	Spring	—	-1
Mittenwald	1	50	Poor	—	3
Oberammergau	20	40	Poor	—	0
Oberstaufen	60	70	Good	—	-4

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Main runs and lower slopes complete, wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,800 feet. Access road clear. Snow level: 2,000 feet. Glenshee: Main runs and lower slopes complete, spring snow. Vertical runs: 1,000 feet. Access roads clear. Snow level: 2,000 feet. Glenshee: Main runs and lower slopes complete, wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,400 feet. Access roads clear. Snow level 2,300 feet.

Cycling

CHALON-SUR-SAONE: Paris to Nice race: Third stage: 1, J. Esclassan (France); 2, Y. Bertin (France); 3, E. van Haerens (Belgium); 4, G. Sibille (France); 5, F. Arig (Belgium); 6, J. M. Guerinel (France); 10, S. Kelly (Ireland); 15, B. Hoban (GB), All in 5hr 9min 17sec. Overall: 1, G. Knetemann (Netherlands); 10hr 30min 37sec; 2, J. Zoetemelk (Netherlands), 10:50:42; 3, J-L. Van den Brooche (Belgium), 10:50:42; 4, B. Hinault (France), 10:50:46; 5, G. Braun (W Germany), 10:50:52; 6, M. Laurent (France), 10:50:57. 12, Kelly, 10:51:17; 30, P. Sherwen (GB), 10:53:13.

Curling

AVIEMORE: International championship: Highland B 7, France A 4; Highland C 5, Canada Winnipeg 4; Switzerland C 10, France B 4; Avimore (J. Carmichael) 10, USA C 3; Canada Alberta 13, England B 3; Canada Vancouver 7, Grampian 4; Inverness 12, Canada Ontario 5; Sweden 7, Borders 6; Canada Alberta 17, Edinburgh 3; Aberdeen 10, Canada Fernie 5; USA A 8, Denmark A 5.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo Sabres 2, Montreal Canadiens 1.

Skiing

Miss Wenzel is assured of 1978 World Cup

Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, March 7.—Hanni Wenzel was assured of the 1978 women's World cup when her closest challenger, Annemarie Moser, of Austria, was disqualified in today's giant slalom here. Mrs Moser needed to win the last two giant slaloms of the setson to overtake the 21-year-old Miss Wenzel, who was also disqualified today.

"At last I am going to be able to concentrate on tennis and my motorbike this summer", Miss Wenzel said. "I would have liked to win the trophy for a sixth time but my target this year was the world championships and my gold medals for the downhill and combined at Garmisch Partenkirchen satisfy me". Mrs Moser said.

Today's race was won by Lise-Marie Morerod, of Switzerland, who moved into the lead of the giant slalom standings. Her combined time over the two runs placed her well ahead of Becky Dorsey, of the United States, who finished second, and Fabienne Serrat, of France.

Miss Wenzel was fifth last year in the World Cup but a bronze medal at the 1976 Innsbruck Olympics perhaps proved the turning point in her career. Mrs Moser, who will be 25 later this month, will now probably finish third this years behind Miss Wenzel and Miss Morerod.

Law Report March 7 1978 — Court of Appeal

'Platonic' friend not one of family

Joram Developments Ltd v Sharratt

Before Lord Justice Megaw, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Browne

An adult man who established a "platonic" relationship with an adult woman and resided with her for 18 years in a flat of which she was the statutory tenant did not become a member of her family for the purposes of paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Rent Act, 1968.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, allowed an appeal by the landlords, Joram Developments Ltd, against the dismissal by Judge Solomon at West London County Court, of their action against the defendant, Mr Frank Sharratt, for possession of the flat.

By paragraph 3, on the death of the original statutory tenant, not leaving a widow, "a person who was a member of the original tenant's family", and who had been residing with him for six months immediately before his death, "shall be the statutory tenant if and so long as he occupies the dwelling-house as his residence".

Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC, and Mr Jonathan Gaunt for the landlords; Mr Derek Wood and Miss Tessa Moorhouse for Mr Sharratt.

LORD JUSTICE MEGAW said that Lady Salter, widow of Mr Justice Salter, had for many years lived in the flat in Coleherne Court, Earls Court, London. When her contractual tenancy expired in 1973, she became a statutory tenant and so remained until her death at the age of 94 in 1976.

The landlords sought to obtain possession as against Mr Sharratt, who had lived in the flat since 1958. He claimed that he had become the statutory tenant on Lady Salter's death. The sole question was whether or not he satisfied the qualification that he was "a member of the original tenant's [Lady Salter's] family" at the date of her death. If so, he also satisfied the residence qualification. The judge decided that he was a member of Lady Salter's family.

It was apparent from the evidence and the judge's findings that Mr Sharratt's conduct in his relationship with Lady Salter over the years was wholly admirable and of the highest standard. When they met in 1957, she was 75 and a widow, living alone in the flat. He was 24. A friendship arose between them which had been called "platonic". He moved into the flat at her suggestion. She paid the rent, but the other expenses were shared. Neither was financially dependent on the other.

They were not related in blood or by marriage, or by any process of adoption. He said that he had called her "Aunt Norn" and she had looked upon him as her nephew. When she was in hospital during her final illness, he visited her daily, and he was described in the hospital records as her next-of-kin.

Their Lordships' decision was dictated by the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Ross v Collins* ([1964] 1 WLR 425). Lord Justice Pearson said, at page 428, that one broad and general principle which was established was stated by Lord Justice Cohen in *Brock v Woollams* ([1949] 2 KB 388): "The question the county court judge should have asked himself was *this*: Would an ordinary man, addressing his mind to the question whether Mrs Woollams was a member of the family or not, have answered 'yes' or 'no'?"

In the present case the judge asked himself that question and answered yes. He said that Lady Salter and Mr Sharratt "achieved through their relationship what must surely be regarded in a popular sense and in common sense, as a familial nexus. That is to say, a nexus such as one would find only within a family."

Mr Wood submitted that, in the light of the *Brock v Woollams* principle, the judge's answer was conclusive; the judge could not be faulted on his assessment of the evidence; he had asked himself the right question; and, unless it could be said that his answer was one that an ordinary man could not sensibly give, the answer must stand.

Certainly their Lordships would not be entitled to overrule the judge's answer merely because they would have answered the question differently. The fallacy in Mr Wood's argument was that it *was for their Lordships to decide*, where such an issue arose, whether, assuming all the facts found by the judge to be correct, the question might, as a matter of law, within the permissible limits of the meaning of the phrase "a member of the tenant's family", be answered "yes".

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Sharratt's claim to be a member of the family was defeated because the law was, as said by Lord Justice Russell in *Ross v Collins*, that an adult man and woman who established a platonic relationship could not, as a matter of law, establish a "familial nexus" by acting as a son and mother would act, even if they referred to each other as such and regarded their association as tantamount to such. It must follow that the "familial *nexus*" could not be established in the present case by the assumed less close relationship of aunt and nephew. Accordingly, his Lordship would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, concurring, said that the word "family" had no precise meaning. What it meant depended upon the context. It had changed its meaning through the years. *The Shorter Oxford Dictionary*, for example, gave a number of meanings, including under the date 1545 "the body of persons who live in one house or under one head, including parents, children, *servants [etc.]*." Another meaning under the date 1667 was "all those who are nearly connected by blood or affinity."

The judge had to decide as a matter of fact what the word meant and whether it applied to the relationship under consideration.

In the context of paragraph 3, the problem was whether Mr Sharratt was a member of Lady Salter's family residing with her at the time of and for a period of six months before her death. The concept of living as a family was implicit in the statutory words. That cut down the width of the word. Those who lived together as a family had a degree of affinity with each other based upon blood, marriage (including in-law relationship) or adoption (whether formal or informal) during childhood. Someone lacking that degree *of affinity*, as Mr Sharratt did, might be treated as a member of the family, but that, in ordinary English as used in the past two decades, was not the same as being a member of the family.

LORD JUSTICE BROWNE said that he agreed, but with more hesitation than his brethren.

As his Lordship understood the authorities, two elements had to be considered in deciding whether *or not a person was* a member of the tenant's family—relationship and conduct. There was also the additional requirement of residence with the tenant which had been satisfied by Mr Sharratt. On the judge's findings, he also satisfied the "conduct" requirement, but the question was whether he could, as a matter of law, satisfy the "relationship" requirement.

Gammans v Ekins ([1950] 2 KB 328) and *Ross v Collins* required *their Lordships* to hold that two adults who lived together in a "platonic" relationship, without any "recognizable family relationship", could not be members of each other's family.

The only case cited in which a de facto relationship was held to be enough was *Brock v Woollams*, where a child had been de facto "adopted" at the age of five or six but without the necessary legal formalities, and had lived with the tenant for 36 years. In such a case the law would recognize a de jure relationship of parent and child if the necessary steps had been taken. But our law did not recognize any de jure adoption of adults.

His Lordship was not satisfied that any de facto relationship except adopting parents and adopted children, or (on the authority of *Dyson Holdings Ltd v Fox* ([1976] 1 QB 503) two people living together as man and wife could provide the necessary element of "relationship".

It seemed hard that the de facto relationship of aunt and nephew in the present case, coupled with Mr Sharratt's conduct, should not be enough. But the line must be drawn somewhere. If Mr Sharratt could be included among those who could be members of the tenant's family it would be difficult, if not impossible, to exclude the cases put in several of the *authorities of two old cronies* sharing a house, and perhaps calling themselves and each other brothers or sisters.

Judgment with costs was given for the landlords for possession, with a stay of execution pending appeal. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Solicitors: Titmuss, Sainer & Webb; Douglas-Mann & Co.

Rights of drawer of returned bill

Jade International Steel Stahl und Eisen GmbH & Co KG v Robert Nicholas (Steels) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane and Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment delivered February 24]

Where a bill of exchange is discounted through a bank by the drawer and is subsequently returned to him after it has been dishonoured by the acceptor, the drawer can sue on the bill with all the rights of a holder in due course by virtue of section 29(3) of the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882, since he derives his title through a holder in due course, the discounting bank, and he is entitled to immediate judgment for the full amount of the bill, notwithstanding that if he had sued as drawer there would have been a discretion to grant leave to defend because of a counterclaim by the acceptors.

Section 29(3) provides: "A holder (whether for value or not), who derives his title to a bill through a holder in due course, and who is not himself a party to any fraud or illegality affecting it, has all the right of that holder in due course as regards the acceptor and all parties to the bill prior to *that holder*."

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the defendants, Robert Nicholas (Steels) Ltd, from a judgment of Mr Justice Donaldson under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, for the plaintiffs for DM485,859, the amount due on a bill of exchange drawn by them on the defendants.

Mr Peter Bowsher for Nicholas; Mr Timothy Saloman for the plaintiffs, Jade International Steel Stahl und Eisen GmbH & Co KG.

LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY LANE said that the plaintiffs, who dealt in steel, sold to Nicholas some 2,000 tonnes to be delivered in two equal consignments. A bill of exchange was drawn by the plaintiffs on Nicholas for the price. Nicholas said that the first consignment was sub-standard, and they refused to accept the second, and when the bill was presented for payment it had been dis*honoured*.

The plaintiffs brought proceedings under Order 14. Nicholas had offered to bring the whole amount into court as a condition of leave to defend, but the judge had said that the plaintiffs were entitled to immediate judgment.

Mr Bowsher did not question the general rule that where money was due under a bill of exchange judgment was normally given despite a counterclaim, but said *that there was an exception* giving rise to a discretion where the action was between the immediate parties to the bill.

The judge had said that although the plaintiffs were the drawers and Nicholas the acceptors of the bill, he would not treat them as being the immediate parties. The plaintiffs had indorsed the bill to bankers, and if an action had been brought by them there would have been no defence. Therefore the *plaintiffs*, who had *got the bill* back, were entitled to be treated as if they were not the immediate parties.

Mr Bowsher submitted that the parties had never lost their qualifications as immediate parties despite the bill leaving the plaintiffs' hands.

Mr Saloman pointed out that that drawers of a bill were in a negative position. They had no title to sue from that fact, but on dishonour they were exposed to rights of recourse. In the circumstances the drawers became holders of the bill.

What had happened was that the drawers of the bill—a 120-day bill—discounted it to a bank, who were thus holders for value in due course, and entitled to sue on it. The bill passed eventually to the Midland Bank and was dishonoured by Nicholas. The bank, who were holders in due course, simply opened the indorsement and the bill passed back down the line to the discounting bank, who debited the plaintiffs' account and handed it back. Consequently, although the plaintiffs were not holders in due course because they had notice of dishonour, they were holders with all the rights of a holder in due course under section 29(3) of the Bills of Exchange Act.

In reply, Mr Bowsher had shifted his ground and had drawn attention to the fact that the plaintiffs were also payees of the bill. He had submitted that they were holders in two capacities, as drawers/payees and as holders from the discounting bank, who were holders in due course, and that in the circumstances Nicholas should be given the benefit of the rights conferred by either capacity.

It was unreal to regard the plaintiffs as holding in a dual capacity. When they discounted the bill they lost the benefit of their *original capacity and the guise* under which they got the bill again was the dominant one for considering whether there was a discretion to grant leave to defend.

The judge had been correct in the conclusion to which he came.

Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Lord Justice Stephenson delivered *concurring judgments*.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Robbins, Olivey & Lake for Sampson, Wade & Co, Bradford; Loxley, Sanderson & Morgan.

Tax avoidance scheme held valid

W. T. Ramsay Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Goulding

[Judgment delivered March 2]

A scheme designed for the sole purpose of making drastic reductions in capital gains tax on chargeable gains accruing on the sale of land by creating artificial capital losses on share transactions was held to be valid and effective.

His Lordship allowed an appeal by the taxpayer company, W. T. Ramsay Ltd, from a decision of special commissioners upholding in principle an assessment to corporation tax in respect of chargeable gains of £176,552 arising on the sale of a farm in Lincolnshire.

Details of the scheme, which was admitted to be solely designed for tax avoidance purposes and had no commercial justification, were in outline as follows. In February, 1973, the taxpayer company acquired 68 shares in C Ltd, a newly formed investment company, on terms as to a premium of £2,719 a share with £5 payable on application and the balance on call. On the same day the company made two loans to C Ltd (L1 and L2), each of £218,750, for terms of 30 and 31 years respectively, and each carrying interest at 11 per cent.

The next month the company, exercising its right under the loan agreement, reduced the rate of interest on L1 to zero and increased the rate on L2 to 22 per cent. C Ltd then called on the company to pay the balance of £184,654 due on the 68 shares. L2 was soon after sold to a finance company, M Ltd, at its approximate market value for £391,481. It was the capital profit of £172,731 on the sale of L2 that the company claimed was not a chargeable gain because of the provisions of paragraph 11 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act, 1965. In due course, after further loan and share transactions, C Ltd repaid L2 at a premium and L1 at par and thereby caused the value of the company's shareholding in C Ltd to be reduced, thereby giving rise to a capital loss.

The commissioners held that the gain accruing to the company on the sale of L2 was not exempt under paragraph 11 because it was a "debt on a security" and accordingly the plan to manufacture a loss to reduce a chargeable gain of £187,977 failed.

Paragraph 11 provides: "(1) Where a person incurs a debt to another, . . . no chargeable gain shall accrue to that (that is the original) creditor . . . on a disposal of the debt, except in the case of the debt on a security (as defined in paragraph 5 of this schedule)."

Mr D. C. Potter, QC, and Mr David Milne for the company; Mr Peter Millet, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE GOULDING, in a reserved judgment, said that it was common ground that the case depended on the interpretation of paragraphs 5 and 11 of Schedule 7 and on their proper application to the facts of the present case. Paragraph 5 dealt with the conversion of securities and subparagraph (3) contained the relevant provisions as to interpretation. Paragraph 11 established that the profit accruing to the taxpayer company on the sale of L2 was not a chargeable gain for tax purposes unless it fell within the definition of "debt on a security."

The meaning to be attributed to "debt on a security" had twice been considered by the courts: *Cleveleys Investment Trust Co v IRC* ((1971) 47 TC 300) and last month by the House of Lords in *Aberdeen Construction Group Ltd v IRC*.

In the *Aberdeen* case the Court of Session had held that large unsecured sums of money lent by a holding company to one of its trading subsidiaries that were subsequently released outright as one of the terms of a sale of the entire share capital of that subsidiary, did not come with the definition "debt on a security". The appeal to the House of Lords was in part successful but not on the point relating to that loan; their Lordships neither expressly affirmed nor disapproved of the Court of Session's view that there was no "debt on a security" without the issue of a document by the debtor. Nor, it seemed, did they overrule it by implication, and Lord Fraser of Tullybelton expressly affirmed the reasons given by the judges of the First Division. Accordingly, there was a plain judgment of the appellate revenue court in Scotland which in the circumstances must be regarded as practically binding on his Lordship unless it had been overruled, which it had not.

After that decision and from the language of the 1965 Act, clearly there could be no "debt on a security" unless it was on something that was a security within the meaning of paragraph 5. Looking at the whole of paragraph 5 in its context as a sequel to paragraph 4, his Lordship said that it became tolerably *clear that L2 was not intended* to be within the term "security". It had certain marks that might also be found in a company's loan stock, notably detailed terms as to the time and conditions of repayments and as to interest and the possibility (like any long-term debt at a fixed rate of interest) of appreciating in value to the creditor; but it lacked the essential feature described by the *Lord President* in the *Aberdeen* case as "the issue of a document or certificate by the debtor institutions which would represent a marketable security, as that expression is commonly understood".

The commissioners had erred in law in holding that L2 was a "debt on a security"; that conclusion was no criticism of them for they had sat before the *Aberdeen* case had been heard in Scotland. The appeal was allowed.

Solicitors: Slowes; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

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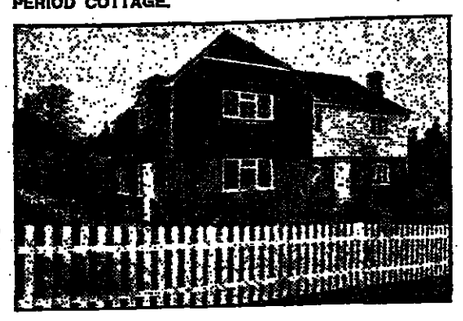
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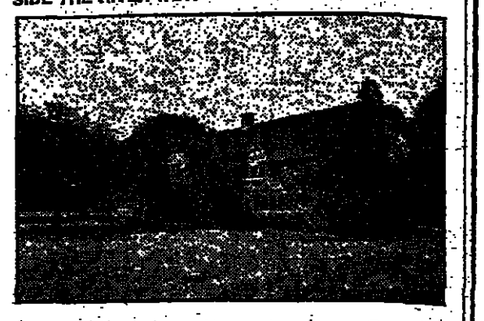
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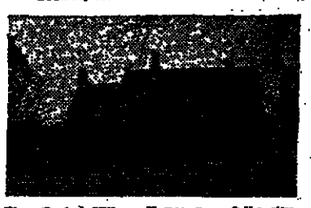
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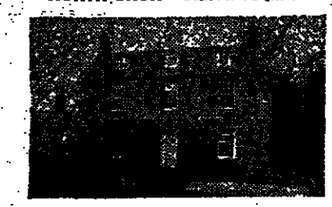
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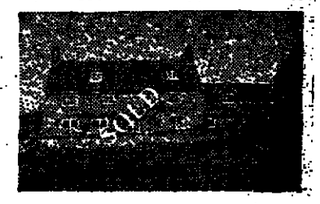
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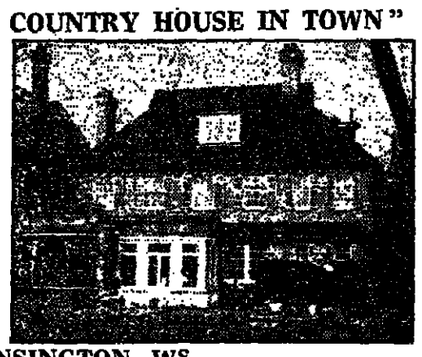
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By that reckoning, last summer's report on Britain's overseas representation from the Central Policy Review Staff, the "think tank", can be judged an unqualified triumph. It has succeeded marvellously in arousing volumes of wrath from some of the weightiest sections of the British establishment.

During this week the Commons expenditure committee will pass its own judgment on the report. It will do so amid mounting speculation that the review of overseas representation, or ORS as acronymic jargon has it, has seriously damaged the credibility of a unit already suffering the combined effects of a Civil Service "take-over" plus a form of creeping redundancy at the hands of Dr Bernard Donoughue's policy unit in the Prime Minister's office.

To complete the picture, morale among the "tankers" is said to be perilously low.

The committee's report is likely to provide new ammunition for the prophets of gloom. The bulk of the evidence presented to its defence and external affairs subcommittee at 10 hearings ending in January, including that of the Foreign Secretary, Dr Own, was hostile. Not too untypical was the suggestion from Lord George-Brown that the ORS should be consigned to the waste-paper basket.

The only major recommendations expectd to receive even qualified backing from the committee are those on cuts in embassies' information staff—a reduction of two-thirds was suggested in the review—greater export specialization within the diplomatic service and more interchange between home and overseas staff.

But the more radical proposals, such as amalgamation of home and overseas staff into a foreign service group, the establishment of a Cabinet Office committee on bilateral relations and the abolition of the British Council will probably receive short shrift.

So too will the suggestion of a hard-nosed reappraisal of the BBC's external services—one possibility advanced was for an eight-hour shutdown—and a reduction of a half in diplomatic entertaining.

Indeed, a paradoxical, if predictable, result of the ORS is that the BBC is likely to receive a vote of confidence from MPs for the capital expenditure it needs to improve worldwide audibility.

Dr Owen has already made it clear that the Government is to use the ORS as a basis for a wide-ranging examination of overseas representation and that its response, expected shortly, may take the form of a White Paper. Shorn of its most objectionable proposals, the ORS will probably end its life as a form of source-book for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's internal reviews.

To those accustomed to the classic model of sweeping proposals followed by sweeping changes, such a fate will represent failure. A fairer interpretation might class it as a tribute to the wealth of analysis contained in the review, on subjects such as accommodation, career structures, embassy security, and consular services. In these and many others, the FCO has already travelled or is prepared to move along the road indicated by the "think tank".

That in itself gives some indication of the difficulties felt keenly by review staff members, of gauging the "success" of their initiatives. Yet far from suffering a morbid decline, the evidence suggests that the tank has finally found its feet and can look forward to a healthy, constructive and reasonably secure role in government decision-making.



The Central Policy Review Staff: marvellous success at arousing volumes of wrath from the Establishment.

Doubts about the "tank's" raison d'etre usually take as their starting point the role it played under its first director, Lord Rothschild, in the Heath administration. In the words of the 1970 White Paper, it was founded to enable ministers "to take better policy decisions by assisting them to work out the implications of their basic strategies in terms of policies in specific areas, to establish the relative priorities to be given to the different sectors of their programme . . . and to ensure that the underlying implications of alternative courses of action are fully analysed and considered".

Boiled down to basics, its function was a form of creative tension with the Civil Service machine, designed to overcome the narrow departmentalism acknowledged to be one of Whitehall's blind-spots.

Composed half of civil servants on secondment and half of talented "outsiders", its task broke down into three main areas: collective Cabinet briefings, special studies and six-monthly strategy reviews at which the Government took stock of its overall progress.

Yet this role was overlaid by a series of special circumstances, partly the product of the characters involved. First there was that of Mr Heath himself, who saw his prime ministerial role, at least before the upsets of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, Rolls-Royce and the advent of incomes policy, as primarily strategic rather than pragmatic.

Mr Heath, unlike his successors, did not feel the need for any policy-making capacity in the Prime Minister's office, a role which was largely supplied by the Cabinet Office-based CPRS in the shape of Lord Rothschild. The relationship between the two men was close and probably unrepeatable, as was the outspoken and cavalier style of Lord Rothschild himself, which gave the "tank" much of its early cachet.

Under successive Labour prime ministers led by both inclination and force of circumstances to be more pragmatic and less strategic, the "tank" has nevertheless played an important part in reviews of specific policy areas, notably transport and housing.

Yet perhaps the "tank's" most overlooked success is its survival beyond 1974. Regarded by the Labour left as a nest of young Conservaties, it had by then nevertheless managed to convince Sir Harold Wilson, despite his initial opposition to its establishment, that it was performing "valuable" and "extremely useful" work.

It also had to contend with the arrival on the scene of Dr Bernard Donoughue and his policy unit in the Prime Minister's office. According to some critics, this has been progressively pushing the "tank" out into the cold.

The fears seem unduly alarmist. Although the distinction between the type of work done by the two units is blurred, it does exist. The policy unit appears to work to a perceptibly shorter time-scale than the "tank" and also gears up in terms of staff recruitment, to deal with fortcoming issues that are more recognisably "political" in content.

These have included, for example, devolution and, in the run-up to last year's White Paper, transport. Secondments probably tend to be shorter and the unit is, of necessity, but unlike the "tank", uniformly Labour in sympathy. Again unlike the "tank", its members would be dismissed if the colour of the Government changed.

With its numbers ranging between six and nine, less than half that of the 18-strong "tank", it also lacks the staff resources for the wider-ranging studies of the type the "tank" has undertaken into subjects as diverse as population, energy conservation and the motor car industry.

The decision by Sir Harold Wilson to set up the Donoughue unit in 1974 was an embryonic but unprecedented step towards the creation of a White House-style Prime Minister's department, doubtless influenced by the kind of feelings that led Lady Falkender, formerly Mrs Marcia Williams, to write in her memoirs *Inside Number 10*: "Any modern Prime Minister will realize that the 1970s require a self-contained top-grade personal advisory unit within No 10".

Mrs Thatcher, for one, seems to share those views. Among her plans for a Conservative Downing Street is thought to be a personal cabinet of advisers recruited from outside Whitehall. Ironically, one Conservative concern is apparently the growing power of the Cabinet Office, hence, in part, of the [illegible].

The moral, however, is a policy-making capacity in Prime Minister's office is to stay. For the purpose effective government seems a development heartedly to be welcomed.

Work done by the CPR energy conservation, oil p race relations, population, tions between central and government and even gerial incentives can also put to its credit. It contri to produce about 50 colle Cabinet briefs a year. where its proposals found on calculations of poli necessity, as in its report the motor car and power industries, they could fairly said to be critical success

What can certainly be about the mark two "tank" is its vastly increa vulnerability to criticism virtue of the Governm decision to publish a sm proportion of its stud something which did happen, with one unre exception, under the H government. And if that w mark of the Cabinet's tru the CPRS, it has been forced, by appointments as Professor John Ashw to the new post of chief s tist within the unit, with job of asking the "funda tal" questions and gui research best led from centre.

To those with long m ories, the present contro over the overseas repr tation study will come a surprise. It should at leas the ghost of a Civil Se "takeover". If nothing el demonstrates that the component of the "tan vitality—its half-and-half of "insiders" "outsiders"—remains a p ingredient.

David Nicholson-L

No liberty or equality without fraternity?

Those who have followed this year's Reith lectures will need no reminding of Professor A. H. Halsey's main theme in his interesting disquisition on the present state of Britain. As he said in his last lecture, "neither Marxism nor liberalism can solve our central problem—the problem of order or, as I put it, fraternity".

In looking back at the social changes in Britain during this century, Professor Halsey concluded that the present generation has inherited a valuable liberal tradition of freedom and tolerance and a class system which is, albeit very slowly, moving towards equality. What is lacking today, he suggested, is a sense of fraternity without which both liberty and equality are seriously threatened.

It was never entirely clear from his lectures exactly what Professor Halsey meant by fraternity. At the end of last month, confronted by sociologists and young academics at a stimulating weekend conference at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, he developed his ideas on the subject more fully.

Fraternity, he said, implied a fundamental collectivity and a moral community of absolutely equal standards. At root, it was the sense of belonging to a group within which the same values applied. A society which regarded women or Pakistanis in a different light to men or white Europeans was not a true fraternity.

Professor Halsey believes that the perfect fraternity is to be found in the Christian ideal as expressed in the New Testament. He reckons that it has also existed in British political movements like the Levellers and the Chartists. It is of those radical brotherhoods that he seemed to be thinking when he argued in his lectures that there were native traditions of social and political use to use than the traditional arguments of Marxism and liberalism in our search for a solution to Britain's predicament.

He rejects the idea that fraternity is essentially alien to a British social and political tradition based solidly on the value of individualism. Real fraternity, he believes, existed within most working-class communities in the last century and bound people together in a complex pattern of mutual help and encouragement. In the present century it has been eroded by the growth of a suburban culture and the consequent privatization of families and individuals.

Professor Halsey sees the Labour Party of the 1940s as coming nearest to creating in modern times a social and political order based on the principle of fraternity. It sought to give effect to the principle by developing an ideal of citizenship, by which everyone would have access to health, education and welfare. The vehicle for achieving fraternity was to be the state via the great, he admits, all that has been created is a self-servicing bureaucracy, where wealth has been redistributed from the rich not to the poor but to the growing army of public servants.

No case for pessimism

The failure of the social democratic dream is at the heart of Professor Halsey's analysis of the crisis now facing Britain. Is it inevitable, he asks, that the great hopes of the 1940s should end in the disillusionment of the 1970s? Were the socialist idealists like R. H. Tawney wrong in believing that a fraternal society could be created in Britain which would lead to both greater liberty and to absolute equality?

He refuses to be pessimistic. He calls for a great new political movement expressing the moral ideal of fraternity and embodying the traditions of theory, which could be of more both Christian socialism and William Morris. He still cannot believe that the Labour Party has lost its soul. At times, indeed, he seems to argue more for an evangelistic crusade than a new political initiative as the solution to our present predicament.

More realistically, perhaps, he derives considerable hope from the admittedly limited manifestations of fraternity which have appeared in Britain in the past few years. He is a fervent enthusiast for Scottish nationalism, producer cooperatives and direct action pressure groups. "All power to the shop steward, the neighbourhood council, and that tiny little parish called Scotland" was his constant cry at Windsor.

The trouble is, of course, that many of the fraternities that have developed recently are anything but brotherly in their attitude to those outside their own particular group. Within their own bounds, the members of the National Front and of soccer hooligan gangs are highly fraternal communities. How fraternal, one wonders, is the attitude of producer cooperatives to the undeveloped countries which are undercutting them?

Professor Halsey admits that there is a nasty side to fraternity. He also concedes that it may take a powerful external threat to link the competing and discordant communities in Britain into a truly fraternal nation. It was, after all, only in the aftermath of such a threat 30 years ago that the conditions existed for the Labour Party to make its bid at creating a social and political order based on the principle of fraternity.

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The civil servants' crucial count-down

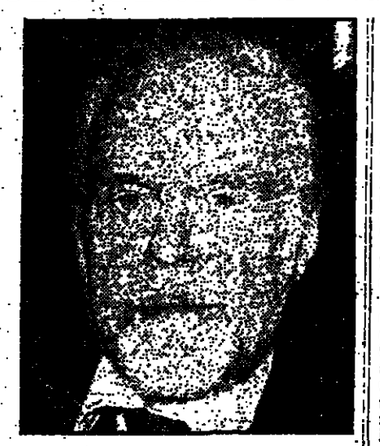
Those who do not exercise their rights will eventually lose them. That is the principle at the heart of every democratic process under attack from those who wish to destroy democracy (and there are now few democratic processes that are not under such attack). Trade union activities are not commonly very entertaining or exciting; in the first place they are not designed to be, and in addition they suffer from the activities of those in whose interest it is to make them as tedious as possible, in order to ensure that only their own committed kind remain sufficiently interested to vote on significant resolutions or to take part in crucial elections. Any democrat, for instance, who wants to prevent the totalitarian groups of the left from taking over a trade union organization, from a local branch to, ultimately, the national body, is going to need strong teeth for gritting and a hardened bum for sitting, as the extremists grind away hour after hour with their "points of order" and "points of information", in the hope (rarely vain) of outlasting their opponents who represent the large majority and thus ensuring that policies are determined by those who represent the small minority.

At the level at which I am myself engaged in the affairs of the National Union of Journalists I see such techniques in regular operation; and I hear of them at work in other unions. That is why I so often return, and yesterday again returned, to the task of urging trade unionists to take part in elections, referendums and other votes in their organization, and why I regularly list those candidates who can be relied upon to pursue their members' interests while rejecting both the aims and techniques of the groups competing with them for control.

Yesterday, therefore, I surveyed the field in the wide range of elections, national and local, now going on in the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, whose postal ballots must be returned so as to arrive not later than Wednesday, March 29. Today, I turn first to the Civil and Public Servants Association.

The CPSA, unfortunately, does not yet have postal ballots for its elected officers, and has thus repeatedly experienced the scandal of a couple of score members at a branch meeting committing literally thousands of votes for policies abhorred by the great majority. In 1977, thanks to an enormous amount of hard work by the moderates' "Daylight" Group, the CPSA's National Executive was taken back by the moderates from the "Broad Left" coalition (dominated by the CP) which had gained control. A union-wide referendum on the question of postal ballots resulted in an overwhelming vote (roughly seven to two in a poll of 100,000) in favour of postal voting, but the ensuing rules revision conference, the delegates to which were chosen by the branch-meeting method, ignored the members' clearly expressed wishes and rejected the proposal. (This echoed the equally scandalous affair in the NUJ, when the union's annual delegate meeting, faced with a two-to-one referendum majority in favour of registration under the Industrial Relations Act, promptly de-registered the union.)





Kate Losinska and Marius Goring.

This means that the 1978 NEC elections within the CPSA will take place through the branches rather than individually; the branches nominate candidates at their own AGMs, and the union's national conference then votes on the nominations. That is why, although the election will not be until May, I am today listing the moderates "slate" for the NEC, so that members will have time to organize support at the vital meetings at which nominations are made (these close on Friday) and branch delegations to the union's AGM are chosen. The "Daylight" Group in the CPSA recommends the following candidates (the appearance of some names in more than one category is correct, as those defeated in one can still be elected in another):

For president: Kate Losinska

For vice-president: Charlie Elliott, Kate Losinska

For National Executive Committee:

John Baird	George Holah
John Barr	Mary James
Cliff Betton	Daryl Jones
John Billouin	Penny Judge
Albert Carr	Betty King
Mike Chipchase	Lewis Lewis
Charlie Coxon	Kate Losinska
Marion Chambers	Cyril Messider
Dave Dickens	Jim North
Malcolm Dow	Ken Richards
Mike Egan	Elsie Sugden
Charlie Elliott	Harold Thomas
Jack Gaunt	Jean Wilde
Doug Hill	Pat Womersley

It is worth pointing out that Kate Losinska's challenger for the post of President is a member of the Communist Party, Peter Coltman; his "Broad Left" supporters will certainly vote the CP ticket, and those members of the CPSA who do not so far feel sufficiently interested to take part in the voting might do well to make up their minds whether they want a communist President, and, if they do not, to support Mrs Losinska.

Finally, the curtain is just going up on yet another act in the Mousetrap-sized run of the Battle for Equity. The cast is as follows: a moderate group, led by such actors as Laurence Olivier, Nigel Davenport and Marius Goring, called Act for Equity; the far group, mainly adherents of the Wor Revolutionary Party, including the Redgrave siblings and known (at rate in this column) as Vane Loonies; and a group which claim be independent of both, but whose proposal—to break up the pre union-wide system of democratic pa pation and replace it by a branch delegate structure—is exactly what Loonies need to achieve their aim minority extremist control.

The branch and delegate propo have been rejected by the member already, both at general meetings in a referendum. But the questio coming up again at two special ge meetings on May 14 and 21, a Coliseum Theatre. Members of Eq should note that the proposed new tem would end individual memb right to decide policy at general m ings, abolish the referendum entir introduce a system of nominations union office only through branc allow the inevitable handful of ex mists, assiduous in attending bra meetings, to commit the majority members to their minority policies, incidentally involve Equity in so m extra expenditure that the annual s scription would probably have to doubled. Act for Equity urges all m bers to attend their May special m ings, and meanwhile to voteet aga the proposal in an immediately fo coming referendum, to introduce more sectionalism into Equity by ing a separate category of member to the General Council, in the form two members representing "fringe".

I shall continue to provide mem of various unions with informa about important votes and the li but in case members who wish to thus informed would care to get details from their own modera organizations instead of from an sider, I append details of such bod

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For the CPSA: Daylight, 7 The, Venner Road, London, SE26.

And while I am about it:

For the NUJ: AJAX (Associatio Journalists Against Extremists): M bership Secretary, Leigh Robinso Culverhayes Place, Wimborne, Do

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Nothing like the trews for the Duke's visit

An intriguing tale about a pair of royal trousers emerged from the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Kent yesterday to watch the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Own Highlanders training for a tour of duty in Northern Ireland.

Prince Philip, the regiment's Colonel in Chief, expressed a wish some time ago to make a private visit. But with only days to go, Buckingham Palace was aghast to find that he was missing a pair of the appropriate Cameron tartan trews.

Hurried arrangements to have a pair made were hampered by the imminent closure of the regiment's official outfitters in Edinburgh. The only way round the problem seemed to be to find the Duke a second-hand pair.

Captain Richard Jenkins, aged 26, of the Queen's Own Highlanders, appeared to have the right build and inside leg measurement to fit the bill, and last Friday he was seen arriving at Buckingham Palace to deliver his own pair of newly pressed trews in a brown-paper parcel.

Prince Philip tried them on but, Buckingham Palace said, they did not fit. Yesterday, the Duke arrived for his visit wearing dark green Army issue barrack trousers and a khaki pullover.

It was an ensemble which, a well-placed Army source said, was "not quite what was expected, but which was not entirely inappropriate".

Just pig headed

Just when I thought we had heard the last of that awful expression male chauvinist pig, the Equal Opportunities Commission has produced a guide which lists the legal rights of women who use pubs and feel they have received less than their just deserts from the landlord.

The guide, in the commission's new publication *EOC News*, contains a specimen complaints form addressed thus: Mr M. C. Pygge, Boar's Head Public House, Stye Lane, Lower Snoutley.



Back to the scene of the crime

It has long been an axiom of mine that devotees of the late Mr Sherlock Holmes return to the scene of the crime. Sure enough, they are off again in the master's footsteps to the Reichenbach Falls and other parts of Switzerland, dressed in Victorian costume after characters in the sacred texts, and supported by the Swiss National Tourist Office, which knows an eccentric Englishman when it sees one. (Last time, 10 years ago, Lord Gore-Booth, one of the two characters representing Holmes, had to check Moriarty and himself off the precipice twice, because the photographers wanted another shot.

This time, the Sherlock Holmes Society of London are planning to follow Holmes's remarkable journey from London to Meiringen as recounted in The Final Problem, suggest ways in which this journey could have been better accomplished, and make their usual pilgrimage to the Reichenbach.

If any ingenious crimes should be committed en route, participants will be given an opportunity to solve them.

Bridge over troubled waters

I liked the socio-political sally (the pun was not intended) I picked up from Sally Oppenheim at yesterday's bridge match between MPs and peers in aid of Britain's 1980 Olympic hopefuls.

She was the only woman player at the tables at the Carlton Tower, and she thinks she is the only woman contest player in the House itself.

Was there, I asked, any kind of link between the political Oppenheim and the card-playing alter ego? She always played to win, she said. And, as there were more Tory than Labour bridge players in the Commons—and as Mrs Oppenheim always insists she is the archetypal Tory MP I could, presumably, draw my own conclusion about what she thinks is the state of pre-election preparedness of the two main parties.

Slow death at Heathrow

The American said that it was another example of the British death wish, and none of the British passengers disagreed. British Airways flight 030 from Johannesburg arrived at Heathrow three hours late, and although Terminal 3 arrivals area was empty, there was a 20-minute wait before some steps were found.

The word then came through that no transport was available. Eventually, a bus arrived to take the jumbo-load of passengers to the terminal building. Only one immigration officer was on duty for British passport holders, and there was another lengthy wait.

About one hour after arrival, most of the passengers reached the baggage area, but of course the aircraft had not been unloaded. My informant eventually left the airport an hour and 40 minutes after touchdown, wondering what would happen when the transatlantic tourist season began.

Mac Liammoir's villainous debut

It is sad that, television recordings apart, there is little evidence on film that the late Michael Mac Liammoir was anything more than a competent screen actor. Certainly he got (and deserved) little acclaim for his Iago in Orson Welles's film version of *Othello* in 1949.

Possibly the best thing to come out of that strange film—Mac Liammoir's first—was the diary the Irish actor kept. It was published in book form, as *Put Money in Thy Purse*, in 1952 and is shot through with Mac Liammoir's traditional wit and poetic insight.

I have just re-read it, and once again I chuckled at the description of the phone call in which Welles, an old friend, offered Mac Liammoir the of Iago:

"I said I was very ill; said the trip [to France] the sight of him would me. Said I was very old; said so was he [the actor 50, Welles was 34].

"Said I'd never played I he said he'd never Othello. Said I had pur weight; he said so had he that we'd be two Cl Tragedians together and we going out to buy yards cheese-cloth.

"Said I didn't see mysel villain; he said unmention word and that I was pate villainous in all eyes but own and Hilton's [Hi Edwards, close friend of Liammoir].

The Chinese, whose sporting events are customarily attended with polite applause for earnest endeavour, are about to be exposed to something rather less well-disciplined. In May, West Bromwich Albion will become the first British soccer side to enter China since the Cultural Revolution. With them will go 100 supporters. The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding, which has undertaken responsibility for the supporters' tours, is confident that the inegalitarian price of £800 a head will keep away the undesirable elements who have given British soccer a bad name on sporting trips away from home.

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MAURITIUS

On March 12, 1968, Mauritians achieved independence from Britain. This Special Report looks at political, economic and social conditions on the Indian Ocean island 10 years later

Prosperity in diversity

dfrey Morrison

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The racial diversity affects many aspects of Mauritian life. The political establishment, led by Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, the veteran Prime Minister, is predominantly Hindu while much of the voting pattern is along communal lines with the ruling Labour Party strongly supported by the Indian community and Mr Gaëtan Duval's Parti Mauricien Social Démocrate (PMSD) picking up much of its electoral support from his fellow creoles. Even the minority Muslim community gave birth to its own political movement, the Comité d'Action Musulman (CAM).

An addiction to clubs

In social life too the communal factor plays an important part. Though of late there have been increasing instances of marriage across the racial divisions, the communities generally live their own lives.

This is particularly well illustrated in the life of the island's multifarious clubs (an addiction to clubs presumably being a product of British rule), many of which practise a racial exclusivity of a kind which would give nightmares to, say, the British race relations authorities.

However, the way Mauritians in their first 10 years of independence have managed to live together in peace and reasonable fraternity is something many other racially, tribally and linguistically divided societies would do well to envy.

They may well have been helped by their geographical isolation because the island's lonely situation, instead of producing attitudes of parochialism among the country's leaders, has produced exactly the reverse effect.

The Prime Minister's speeches, and utterances of his lieutenants (and indeed opponents) are constantly larded with references to Mauritius's place in the world in relation to other peoples and nations. The need to cooperate with and find new trading partners, and the necessity of comparing Mauritius's economic performance with that of other (and in some senses rival) developing countries, are frequently reiterated.

One effect of this surprisingly global attitude is that the Mauritians have become great joiners of international organizations, where they generally play a role which is at first sight disproportionate to their size or political or economic power.

Given its geographical situation and ethnic composition Mauritius is not obviously an African state; yet the island joined the OAU and in 1976 persuaded the organization's heads of state and government to hold their annual summit on the island. And Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, who looks just as Indian as all those Asian shopkeepers the East African governments have done their best to squeeze out, successfully completed his year (1976-77) as chairman of the OAU and thus Africa's spokesman on the international scene.

In initiatives such as this and at the United Nations (Mauritius has been a Security Council member for two years) the Prime Minister has been ably assisted by Sir Harold Walter, his ebullient Foreign Minister, and by a small but effective foreign service. A good example from the latter is Sir Leckraz Teelock, who has dug himself well in as High Commissioner to Britain (where he is now the doyen of the African group of high commissioners and ambassadors) as well as representing his country in a number of other European states.

Forecasts are for heavier loss

Mauritius is an enthusiastic member of the Commonwealth and has also laid particular emphasis on its relations with the European Economic Community. This is not surprising given the country's continuing dependence on its main crop and export earner, sugar.

Without the agreement under which they can still export sugar to the EEC (in fact to Britain) the economy would be in dire straits indeed. The industry lost money last year and forecasts for this year are for another and heavier loss, and with world prices low and likely to remain so Mauritius needs to get every possible advantage from any special arrangements it can get for this or any other export.

Great hopes have been placed on the opportunities offered by the Lomé Convention and other arrangements favouring the export of manufactures from developing countries. Mauritius's Export Processing Zone has scored notable successes though of late there have been a few companies in the zone shutting up shop despite the tax incentives they enjoy.

The main problem has been the stagnant condition of most markets in Europe coupled with rising prices not only for imported raw materials but for labour. The Government, perhaps because of its slim electoral victory in elections just over a year ago, has found it difficult to resist wage demands.

Inflation is running at a high level and hefty rises in electricity and public transport charges have been forecast so that most observers envisage at least a couple of years with austerity measures applied.

However, despite the difficulties the country's achievements in economic and social terms since independence are encouraging.

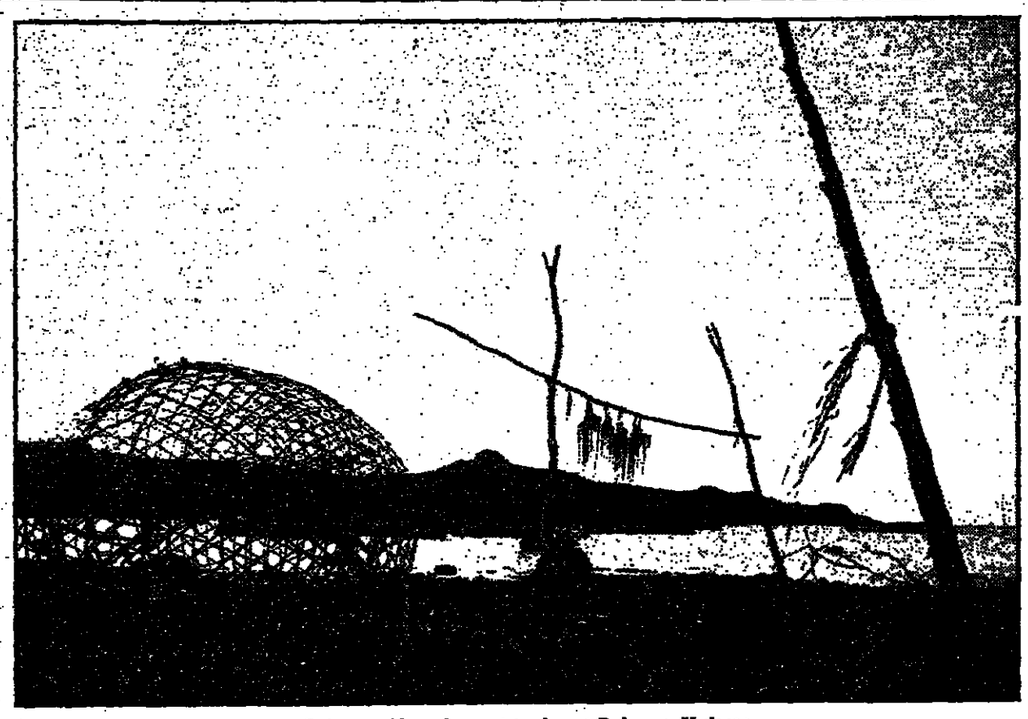
Gross national product at constant prices has risen faster than in most African states and visual evidence of abject poverty is much rarer than in most which suggests that the increased wealth has been reasonably well distributed.

From last year education at all levels is free. The most important achievement, however, is probably the dramatic fall in the birth rate that has been brought about by an active family planning programme which has succeeded despite a variety of religious beliefs that could have brought it to nothing.

This success is probably due as much as anything to the fact that the standard of living of most Mauritians, and thus of their expectations, has appreciably risen in the years since independence. Marriages are taking place later in a society which is becoming increasingly used to the idea of personal home ownership.

However, Mauritius lies well within the main Indian Ocean cyclone belt and the possibility of a devastating cyclone ruining agricultural crops, human habitations, and taking human life, is always present. Damage from this year's Fleur (cyclones always bear an innocent-sounding girl's name) was fairly mild but next time, nobody knows, it could be different.

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Octopuses hanging out to dry at Baie aux Huitres

Malthus refuted

by Alan Rake

Mauritius is frequently characterized as an island threatened with truly Malthusian disaster. It has one of the densest populations of any of the countries in the Organization of African Unity. It is an island of only 720 sq miles yet the population is already 887,000, considerably more than 1,000 persons a square mile. If the population increased eight times, it would be approximately equivalent to the population of Greater London, spread across a roughly similar area.

Of course such an expansion will never happen, but the prophets of doom continue to write about the demographical disaster that threatens the island. Only in 1972 V. S. Naipaul, in his perceptive book, *The Overcrowded Barracoon*, laid emphasis on the population explosion and painted a picture of almost undiluted gloom. He pointed out that in 1931 the population was more or less what it had been in 1901, just under 400,000. "Then", he writes, "the disaster occurred. In 1949 malaria was finally eradicated. The population jumped . . . three Mauritians out of five are under 21. No one knows how many unemployed or idle people there are—estimates vary from 50,000 to 80,000 and the population grows by about 12,000 every year."

What Mr Naipaul missed was that even as he was writing, Mauritius was in the course of a fundamental demographic change. Population growth had climbed steadily in the 1950s and 1960s and reached a peak of 3.1 per cent in 1962. That was a high rate by any standards, but then suddenly a profound change occurred. The rate dropped dramatically in the early 1970s, as the planners revealed in the development plan for 1975-80. By 1972 the rate of growth was only 1.94 per cent and by 1977 only 1.44 per cent, a low figure by Third World standards.

This sudden decline in population expansion has been observed in many other parts of the world, for example, Singapore, Fiji, Trinidad, Puerto Rico and Sri Lanka, but nowhere was the change so swift as in Mauritius, where fertility rates declined by 42 per cent between 1960 and 1970.

The Mauritius Family Planning Association began its work in 1957 using ordinary contraceptive methods. The Roman Catholic group, Action Familliale, began publicizing the rhythm method of birth control in 1963, but the resistance of the public was considerable until the Government threw its moral support and financial backing behind the programmes in 1965. An advance came a year later when the birth control pill was introduced, with women being given a wallet of pills which would last them 21 days.

In 1972 the ministry took over the clinics operated by the Mauritius Family Planning Association and integrated them as part of the Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning Division of the Ministry of Health. Since then the programme has been expanded. There are now 88 clinics scattered throughout the country and 45 supply centres.

The secretary manager of the MFPA thinks that more than 85 per cent of the total child-bearing woman population of 215,000 have had family planning explained to them, "but only 40 per cent of the age group between 15 and 49 are actually taking advantages of the services offered". Nevertheless this has been enough for Mauritius to achieve perhaps the most rapid deceleration in population growth recorded anywhere in the world.

Family planning officials ascribe this phenomenon primarily to their continued campaign, using all available media (radio, television, press, mobile cinema and so on) to preach the advantages of birth control. The Mauritian woman has responded because she has had access to free education and better job opportunities and has developed higher aspirations for her own role in society.

Family planning would not have been successful without the active participation of the people themselves. The sudden deceleration in Mauritian growth rates is clearly a product of the rising incomes and aspirations of the people. The Mauritian family now sees that it can establish a home and acquire a few basic possessions. Women are no longer seen as a liability on the family budget because they can find jobs for themselves. They have been increasingly taking employment in the new export-oriented industries, which are themselves a phenomenon of the 1970s.

Women who have gained some financial independence are marrying later. Two decades ago Hindu parents expected their daughters to marry in their early teens. In 1962 the average age for marriage was 19, in 1972 it was 22.4 years which means that Mauritius already has a higher average age at marriage than a number of industrialized countries such as the United States and Britain, though it does not yet approach the very late marriage patterns of certain Far East countries such as Hongkong, Singapore and Japan.

Emigration, particularly to Britain, France, Australia and Canada, has also played its part in arresting the population increase, with an average of 3,000 a year, or 0.4 per cent of the total population, going overseas.

Despite the evident slowdown in rates of increase the total size of the population will continue to grow in the years ahead because of the very young age structure of the Mauritian population. Because of the population explosion of the 1950s and 1960s 30 per cent of the population today are below the age of 15 and more than 50 per cent are below the age of 24. These will be the parents of tomorrow. Even if the net reproduction rate falls to 1.2 per cent by the 1980s, as the planners confidently expect, the bulge will bring total population to more than a million by the mid-1980s.

The consequences are also serious in employment terms. An increasing number of children will come on to the already saturated labour market, which means that a further 70,000 jobs will be required by 1980.

To achieve this target means swelling the labour force by a third, or allowing employment growth of nearly 5 per cent a year. In the early 1970s these targets were fully met, thanks mostly to the growth of the new export industries, but since 1975, the slowdown in industrial expansion has meant that the increase in jobs a year has fallen from more than 30 per cent to about 8 per cent. Instead of 5,000 new jobs a year being found there are now only about a thousand.

Despite government exhortation and attempts at diversification, little solution can be found in agriculture, where the sugar-estates are talking in terms of mechanization to replace the unpopular job of cane cutting. Other outlets such as construction and tourism are not expected to show much dramatic growth, though expansion should continue at a steady rate. Difficulties will persist until the population stabilizes itself in the 1990s.

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Common man's man

Perhaps Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam's grandest hour was in July, 1976, when he became chairman, for the statutory year, of the Organization of African Unity. His tiny island, cast adrift in the Indian Ocean more than 1,000 miles from the African mainland, is not part of Africa, but it is there that Sir Seewoosagur sees his country's destiny.

His chairmanship sealed the alliance that he has so consistently sought and gives Mauritius the right to be considered part of Africa in its relationships with Europe and the outside world.

His tenure of office was quite exceptional because he was the first man of Indian descent to chair the OAU. He was also the first to hold the chairmanship in his capacity as Prime Minister and not as President of his country, in the tradition of his African predecessors.

Sir Seewoosagur, who has held the political stage in Mauritius for more than three decades, was born in 1900 in a village called Belle Rive on the east of the island. He was the son of a farm labourer, as he frequently reminds his political audiences. His family had been in Mauritius since the early indentured labourers were brought to the country to work the sugar plantations in the mid-nineteenth century.

He won a scholarship to the exclusive Royal College at Curepipe, before he left for Britain to pursue medical studies at University College London.

Returning home in 1935 he started medical practice and was confronted with the true condition of his people. The Indians, who had been a majority in Mauritius since the 1870s, still had no vote, little access to education for their children and had scarcely advanced since their grandfathers were indentured to the sugar plantations.

The disfranchised Hindus had already formed the Labour Party under the leadership of Maurice Cure, Rozemont and Renganden Seeneevassen. Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam joined them after various other political experiments, though he did not seem likely at the time to emerge as leader. His unusually short stature, his conventional style in speech and dress and his high-pitched voice and flashes of inner fire all belied a man of stamina, dogged determination and patience.



Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam: taxed the rich

As time went on he was the person who became the chief popularizer of the party, conveying the message to the rural masses. He became a nominated member of Parliament in 1940 and after the Indians were enfranchised he was returned in 1948 for Pamplemousses-Rivière du Rempart, a seat he has held consistently ever since.

He became Mayor of Port Louis in 1958, Leader of the House and Finance Minister in 1960 and Chief Minister in 1961. His mild and responsible approach commended him to the colonial authorities and he had become leader of the Labour Party when it won its first electoral victory in 1948. Progress up the ladder of office followed almost automatically. He became Premier when Mauritius was granted a form of self-government in 1965 and Prime Minister at independence in March, 1968.

In the 10 years since independence he sees his greatest achievement as "restoring the dignity of the common man". He has indeed built a stable society and an economy that is wealthy by African standards. His methods have been in the best traditions of Fabian socialism which he learnt in his student days in London. The old order has not been destroyed; only one out of 23 sugar plantations has been nationalized, but he has progressively taxed the rich and spread the benefits to the poor.

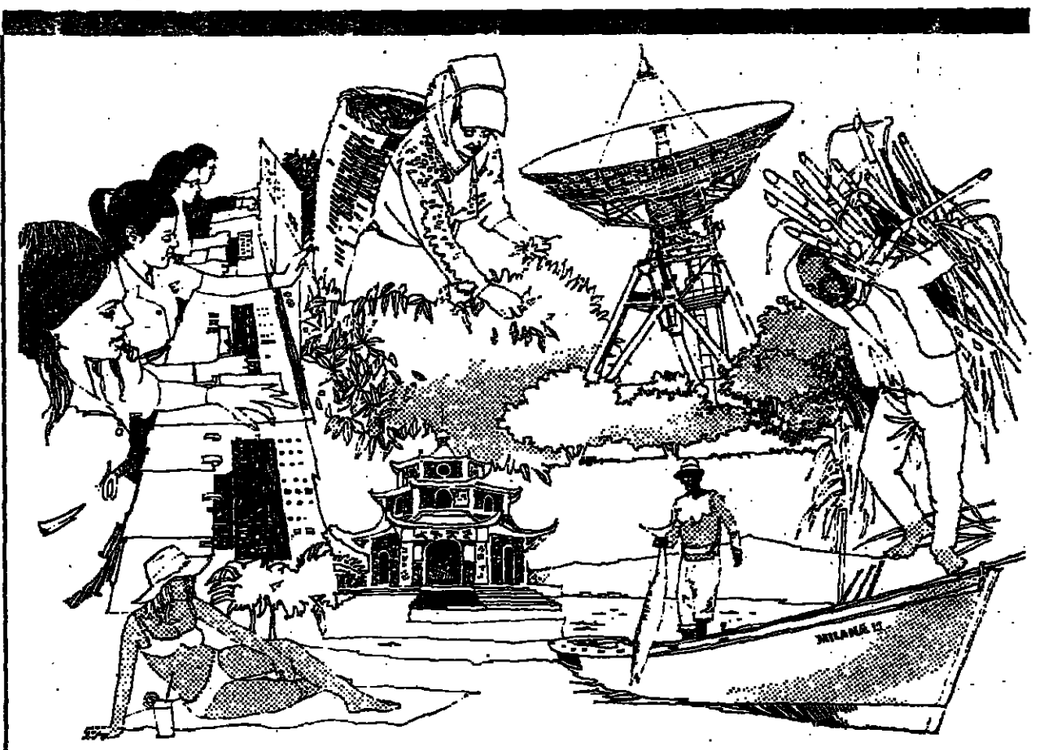
His is almost the only country in the Organization of African Unity that can be said to have an embryo welfare state, with free education and medical services, the latest example of which is a children's clinic whose foundation stone is due to be laid on March 11, and high wage levels. His policies in backing export industry and tourism have paid off.

He is an indefatigable traveller and publicist for his country. Even at 77 he travels so often that officials in his office and in the Information Ministry were unable to say how many times he had been abroad in 1977. "Dozens of times, I know, he never misses any important international engagement", one of his secretaries said. He cultivates his links with Europe assiduously and has been honoured accordingly, with a British knighthood and French Légion d'Honneur among many other international titles, including the United Nations prize for outstanding achievements in human rights in 1973.

A master politician, he has resisted the challenge of the younger, more radical generation. When Mr Paul Bérenger's Mouvement Militant Mauricien actually emerged with a majority of seats in the elections of 1976, Sir Seewoosagur was not prepared to give up office, even though it meant forming an alliance with Mr Guéran Duval, an old rival and political opponent.

The foremost issue today is the question of a republic. It is one which; Sir Seewoosagur insists, the people must decide. But he is in no particular hurry. His political opponents are not willing to let him have an executive presidency of the type he would like and they can block the required two thirds constitutional majority. So Sir Seewoosagur is quite happy to bide his time. After all he has held power continuously since he was Chief Minister in 1961 and he recently said publicly that he has no plans to relinquish power yet.

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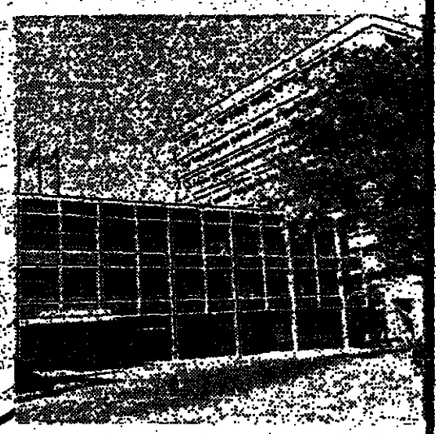
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Higher wages but low productivity

by Godfrey Morrison

"The economic situation is bad, but not tragic", is how one of the island's most experienced economic commentators puts it. Still heavily dependent on its sugar crop, despite the progress in industrialization, the Mauritian economy is at the mercy of external factors over which it has almost no control.

Unlike many developing countries Mauritius has made no attempt to chase after that political chimera "economic independence". Instead the island's leaders, perhaps partly because they are so conscious of their state's geographical isolation in the wastes of the Indian Ocean, have struggled to tie themselves in with economic partners wherever they can be found: by encouraging the growth of a lucrative tourist industry, by developing export-oriented industries and by being quick off the mark in securing special arrangements with the European Economic Community (in particular for the sale of their sugar *crop*).

The interlude of economic gloom which has followed a period of rapid economic growth in the late 1960s and early 1970s has been caused by factors some of which will sound familiar to British ears: wages have been rising faster than in some of the country's industrial competitors, the productivity of the Mauritian worker remains stubbornly low, while wage prosperity has generated a flood of imports which threw the balance of trade into sharp deficit. Late last year this obliged the Government to introduce restrictions on imports, but most observers feel this was done tardily.

The other main criticism of recent government economic policy is that they have given way too easily to pressure for higher wages. But in Mauritius, where most western-style freedoms still persist, it is difficult for any government not to bow to such pressures.

Last year the Government acceded to two wage rises, including the sudden granting of an extra month's salary to all workers, but this was perhaps not surprising, given the narrow margin with which Sir Seewoosagur won the last election.

The immediate prospects are for at least a couple of years with external trade in deficit and probably at least a couple of years with continuing austerity measures. However, one positive factor is that public opinion seems to be reasonably well alerted to the nature of the island's problems. A number of business closures in the Export Processing Zone have been well publicized and have been occasionally debated in the press, and of late the Government has not been mincing its words.

In his new year message the Prime Minister reviewed the first decade of independence and emphasized how dependent Mauritius was on both the economic situation in Europe and on the performance of competitors. And predictably he attacked "recently-imposed protectionist measures adopted by the EEC countries".

But he added that "more disquieting than this world phenomenon is the lack of corresponding increase in efficiency and productivity. Higher costs of imported raw materials coupled with higher wages impose serious constraints on the industrial sector of our economy. We can minimize the adverse effects of these factors to some extent by securing higher productivity.

"Government has always stood . . . by its commitment to fair, remunerative and incentive-oriented wages for workers of all categories, but we must be competitive. . . . I am sure our patriotic workers do realize that they have an important role to play by pressing for only reasonable demands and always keeping in view the supreme national interest and their own employment."

Despite the problems the economy faces, the achievements, if seen in a reasonable historical perspective, are impressive.

Perhaps the single most encouraging development, given the high population density, pressure on resources, and unemployment problems, is that in the last decade the birth rate has been brought down from more than 3 per cent to about 1.7 per cent.

Gross national product at constant prices rose from an index level of 100 to 175 in the same period. The literacy rate of people over 15 is about 75 per cent (compared with 25 per cent to 35 per cent in most African countries).

Moreover both statistics and the subjective observations of the visitor suggest that the economy's increasing prosperity has been much more evenly distributed than in many developing countries proclaiming greater verbal and theoretical commitment to socialist ideals. Almost everybody appears well clothed and nourished and the real buying power of active labour (at constant prices) rose on an index from 1967 to 1976 from 100 to 164.

Those in work are the lucky ones, and employment, despite the fall in the birth rate, seems likely to remain the prime economic (and political) problem for the foreseeable future.

During the period of the first five-year plan (1971-75) the aim of creating 50,000 new jobs was surpassed. The aim in the second plan period is to produce another 76,000 by 1980. The Government envisages that roughly half this increase should occur in the Export Processing Zone, which gives an idea of the stress that is put on the zone in all economic thinking and explains why even the occasional failure of a zone industry causes such gloom in both government and business circles.



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The idea of the zone is to take advantage of the tariff and other advantages offered by the developed countries (by means of the Lomé Convention (and other schemes) for the import by the rich countries of manufactures from the developing countries. The case of Mauritius gives a vivid illustration of why the developing countries are so nervous about the economic climate in the United States and Europe, where high domestic unemployment is threatening to make the great economies of the West revert to protectionism. It also explains why the economic planners of the Third World are watching with such trepidation the course of the Tokyo round of negotiations within the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

So far progress in Mauritius with their Export Processing Zone has been good. In 1970 there were five companies operating in the zone; in 1974 there were 43 and last year 91. In 1970 they employed 64 people, in 1974 8,969 and last year 18,200.

In 1971 their exports brought in Rs3,900,000; in 1974, Rs135,600,000, and last year Rs430m (£35m).

Overseas investors are encouraged to set up shop in the zone by means of tax and other concessions. However the whole exercise is fragile in that it depends on the West continuing to pursue liberal trade policies, which in turn depend on the political pressures within Western countries.

British or French textile workers, for example, whose jobs might be threatened by foreign competition, have votes which they can cast against Mr Callaghan or President Giscard d'Estaing; the Mauritians working in the Export Processing Zone do not.

This is why the Mauritians are trying to diversify the type of industry implanted in the zone, to lessen the risk. Last year 69.5 per cent of the zone's exports were textiles and garments, 19.9 per cent electronics, 2.1 per cent jewelry, 3.2 per cent toys and decorations and 5.3 per cent other products.

In contrast to the high hopes pinned on manufacturing industry, the 1975-80 five-year plan, envisages that agriculture, forestry and fishing (including sugar milling and tea manufacturing) will produce only another 6,000 jobs by 1980.

However sugar continues to dominate the economy and there the outlook is not at all good. World prices are low, and with rising production in many countries, most predictions are for at best a period of stagnant prices. In Mauritius the industry, despite the all-important agreement with the EEC, is soldiering through hard times.

A spokesman for the industry recently predicted that losses would this year soar to Rs120m (£9,756,000) (assuming a crop of 675,000 tons), after losses last year of Rs43m (£3,496,000).

Almost all cultivable arable land in Mauritius is now under cultivation so the scope for diversification is limited, unless there were a massive abandonment of sugar as a crop; and there are no plans for this. Sugar has served the country well and the Mauritians' skills with it are undoubted; they probably also possess the world's finest research establishment in the Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute.

With sugar dominating the economy (and indeed the landscape) one intriguing and promising idea is being experimented with. Sugar cane is traditionally grown in rows one and a half metres apart. However, it has been discovered that the same yields can be achieved by growing the rows alternately one metre and two metres apart. Using this planting system, another crop can be planted in the two-metre gap, and it will still get enough sun and plant nutrients from the soil to enable it to flourish.

Potatoes and dwarf maize have already been tried out and the results are good, so this could be an important development for Mauritius. However, as sugar is an eight-year crop and planters tend to stick conservatively to well-tried, traditional ways, there will not be any sudden change in the overall agricultural pattern.

New airport planned to relieve delays

Its isolated situation in the Indian Ocean has made external communications an important concern for the Government and a key area in all economic planning. Even a casual glance at airline route maps shows how Mauritius has now become the important crossroad of the region. With more than 4,500 flight arrivals a year the island is now served by Air France, Alitalia, Lufthansa, British Airways and its own growing airline, Air Mauritius, which between them assure frequent services to Europe.

Air Malawi, Zambia Airways and Kenya Airways provide the direct links with East and Central Africa while Ethiopian Airways, which despite the political turmoil in Ethiopia, continues to hold its own as one of Africa's most successful and enterprising airlines, hope in the near future to start services to Mauritius, probably via Seychelles. Air India provides a well-used connexion with the sub-continent, which is an important link given the ethnic and business ties.

Three flights a week by South African Airways bring in the important South African tourist trade, while one of these flights continues to Perth, providing the link with Australia.

The growth in airline traffic, and in particular the use by several airlines of jumbo jets, has now made the existing airport facilities at Plaisance airport inadequate at peak times. And despite the courteous and generally expeditious practices of immigration and customs officials, visitors sometimes have to endure lengthy delays on arrival because of the physically small nature of the passenger arrival facilities.

Improvements are planned for the existing airport but these will necessarily be in the nature of a holding operation since a new airport, which is planned to be the largest and most modern in the Indian Ocean region, is going to be built at Plaine des Roches. A financing agreement for the construction of this airport was reached with China, and the Government has started on its programme of buying the necessary land from private owners, but it will clearly be several years before construction is completed.

The new airport will be in the north of the island and should be linked to Port Louis by a big highway which will considerably reduce the present land travel times. One of the aspects of life which most surprises first-time visitors is the size of the island whose 720 sq miles makes it much larger than the pin-prick on maps of the Indian Ocean suggests. There are more than 1,000 miles of fully-paved roads, a network which makes almost all parts of the country easily accessible to motor traffic.

Cargo traffic at Port Louis, which averaged 1,800,000 tons in 1974, is expected to increase to about 2,300,000 tons by 1980 and, because of congestion problems, this has necessitated a substantial programme of port improvement. The harbour is being deepened and additional cargo handling and storage facilities are being put in. Port Louis, the island's steamy capital, is at present the only maritime port of any consequence, though the revival of Mahébourg, an important port back in the days of French rule, has been considered, possibly for the use of transit traffic, particularly fishing vessels.

The island possesses a reasonable telephone network, though a cyclone or even heavy rain sometimes plays havoc with the system (as with so many aspects of Mauritian life), the number of telephone stations probably reaching about 45,000 by 1980. Large-scale expenditure on the telephone system is planned since the Government hopes there will be about 30,000 subscribers by 1980, compared with only 15,000 in 1974.

External telecommunications are run by Cable & Wireless under licence from the Government and these are good.

Mauritius has long been an important point in international telecommunications. In 1901 it became a key staging point when connected by submarine cable to Durban in South Africa, and then to Rodrigues which in turn was a link in the chain to Fremantle in Western Australia. This was the first time the Indian Ocean had been spanned by cable and was an important event in the establishment of the first global telecommunications system.

Since then there has been many developments perhaps the most important being the establishment years ago of Mauritius's satellite earth station which now plugs Mauritius into the international satellite communications system.

Within only four years of the decision to go ahead with the project the earth station was in operation. The dismantled station, a total packed weight of tons, was flown in from Japan and the from Cable & Wireless stalled it in only weeks.

One of its peculiarities design was dictated by hazards of the Mauritian weather. The mount carries the 10-metre meter antenna dish strongest of its kind in world, designed to stand winds of up to mph. A further improvement in facilities will next September when automatic telex goes into operation.



Sugar lump country

by Alan Rake

Mauritius is almost a lump of sugar. Sugar is planted on more than 90 per cent of cultivable land. Many other crops have been tried but sugar, and a little tea grown on the highlands, are among the two that can resist the periodic cyclones which hit the island.

Sugar contributes 40 per cent of the gross national product, accounts for more than 80 per cent of foreign exchange earnings and employs over 30 per cent of the labour force. So dominant is the role of sugar that the economy is almost a monoculture and the prosperity of government, workers and sugar planters depends on price in world markets.

In production terms the industry has gone almost as far as it can. There is little extra land available for growing sugar, especially with the pressing need to diversify into other food crops. Though research into new varieties, growing techniques and mechanization continues through the well-organized Sugar Syndicate there are few signs of any big breakthrough, just a slow but sure increase in yields over the years. Yields which were four tonnes a hectare in 1920 reached 8.89 tonnes a hectare in 1973.

The cyclone Gervaise, which hit the island in 1975, wrought havoc with that year's crop. In 1976 poor extraction rates and labour scarcity during harvest prevented the crop from reaching normal levels. This was followed by another bad year in 1977.

The 1977 crop has been harvested, but not yet entirely sold. Altogether 667,000 tonnes were produced, the lowest figure since 1971 apart from the disaster year of 1975.

This can be put down partly to the attack of a rare scale insect, pulvinaria iceryi, locally known as the *pou à poche blanche*, which had caused little trouble in Mauritius since 1863. The industry believes that by extensive ploughing and replanting it will be able to defeat the disease but the shortage of manpower, the other major factor in the decline in production, remains.

The better educated generation of young Mauritians is not prepared to go into the tough, back-breaking work of cane cutting. In an effort to overcome this, industry has sharply raised wages but this has meant that workers can maintain their incomes by working fewer days.

The industry is now trying to extend the cane-cutting season by starting before the crop is fully mature, but this necessarily decreases yields. The planters are complaining that cane cutters work shorter hours, starting at 5 am and finishing at 9.30 am, when the sun is already scorching overhead. In the past they would cut and load more than three tonnes of sugar a day. Now the average has dropped to two tonnes.

The sugar industry believes the answer is increased mechanization, particularly mechanical loading of the cane. But there are problems, for Mauritian sugar plantations are covered with volcanic boulders, which have been heaped into big pyramidal piles, giving a particular distinction to the local landscape.

Fresh stones are continually being ploughed up and the planters are worried lest the rocky terrain damages the machinery both in the fields and in the factories when stones are lifted with the cane.

Despite these disadvantages the planters are convinced that mechanization must increasingly be used if a rate of five tonnes a worker a day is to be reached and if the Government is to meet its target of 800,000 tonnes a year by 1980.

Because of falling labour productivity, absenteeism and rising costs the industry is making losses for the first time (except for those years in which there have been natural disasters).

Mr Jacques Koenig, secretary general of the Chamber of Agriculture, has calculated that wage levels rose by about 5 per cent a year until 1972 but that since then they have increased 152 per cent, or about 30 per cent a year. The industry has also been hit by world inflation in fertilizers, machinery and other inputs.

As a result the sugar growers as a whole estimated that they made a loss of Rs40m (about £3,252,000) on the 1977 crop and expect a loss of Rs140m in the year ahead.

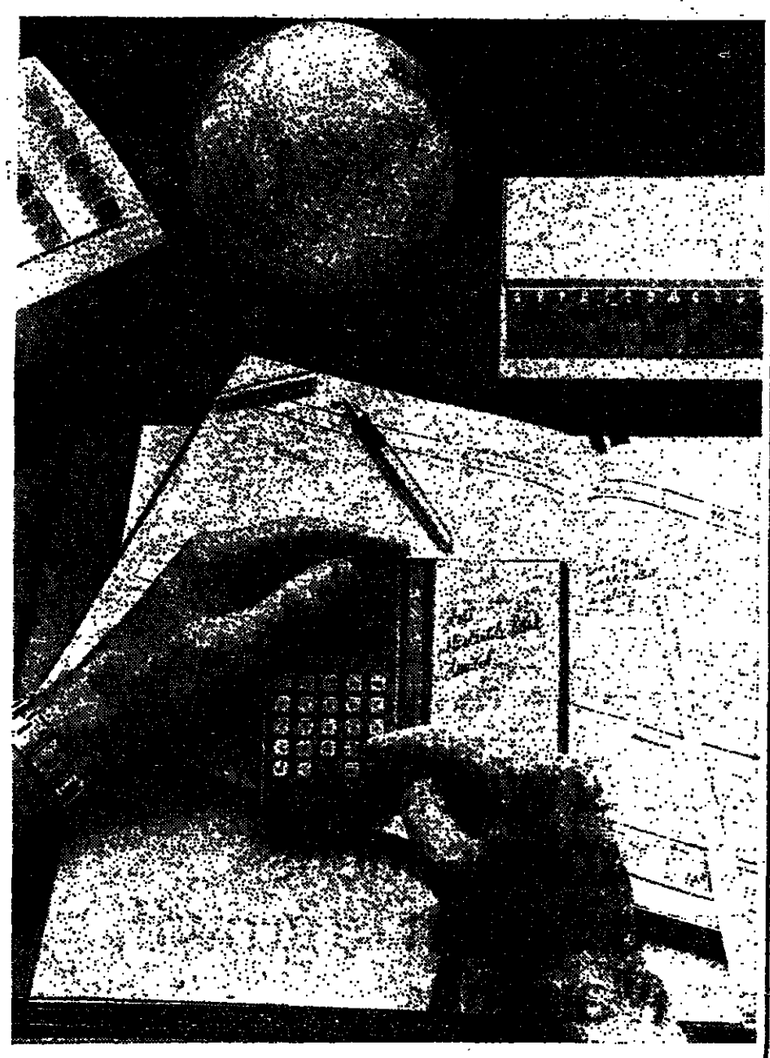
The marketing of Mauritian sugar is a more successful story. The Sugar Syndicate, which sells for all planters, resisted the temptation in 1973 to break its EEC contracts and sell more at temporarily higher world market prices.

Its policy has always been to sell the maximum to Britain under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, and then to continental countries, under the Lomé Convention, on long-term contracts at guaranteed prices. When the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement came to an end in 1974 its skilful negotiators managed to secure a quota of 500,000 tonnes annually under the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) protocol on sugar, for entry into Europe.

This covers more than 70 per cent of the total Mauritian sugar crop and is guaranteed until 1980. What is more the protocol linked the price guaranteed to the price received by European farmers.

In the event this EEC link has proved the saviour of the Mauritian economy. Ever since 1973 prices have been substantially higher than could have been achieved on world markets. In 1976, for example, the price paid by the EEC for the bulk of the Mauritian crop was Rs1,883 a tonne while the average price achieved on the world market was Rs1,417 a tonne (about £1 a tonne from Europe and from other customers).

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Isolation turned to advantage

by Alan Rake

Mauritian foreign affairs are in the hands of a jolly, much travelled globe trotter called Sir Harold Walter. With an anglicized name like Sir Harold, and a distinguished world war record in Africa and the Middle East followed by a spell in Lincoln's Inn, London, one expects to meet an Englishman, but the Minister of External Affairs and Tourism is a Mauritian of many generations and of Indian extraction.

"We Mauritians are friends with everybody and enemies of none", Sir Harold says. "Our policy of non-alignment in the most positive sense of the word." He points to the impressive record of Mauritius in joining almost every worthwhile international organization.

Mauritians are indeed great joiners and the reasons for the policy are clear. Mauritius is a small island in the Indian Ocean. It is nearer Melbourne than London yet both are well over 6,000 miles away. Apart from the neighbouring colonial island of Réunion, and Madagascar, with which there are few links, the nearest land is Africa, more than 1,000 miles away. Mauritius is threatened by no major power block and has no territorial disputes with its neighbours.

In sharp distinction to many African countries, where the problem is how to disentangle from the hostile neighbour next door, Mauritius feels alone and keenly in need of international political and cultural contact.

This feeling of isolation is reflected in the psychology of the people themselves. In a recent poll by a French research organization 49 per cent of those interviewed said they would leave Mauritius if they had the chance to work in another country and 75 per cent said they would encourage their children to go if they could find employment overseas.

Too many trips don't count

The feeling of isolation is a part of the reason why Mauritians are so widely travelled. Sir Harold Walter last year went to Tanzania to witness the merger of its political parties, to Rwanda to attend a Council of Ministers of the Francophone Organisation Commune Africaine et Mauricienne, to an Organisation of African Unity meeting in Togo and to an Afro-Arab conference in Egypt.

Mr Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, the Prime Minister, is also fond of travelling, though he has now reached the seventy-seventh year, and has been abroad so many times this year that officials in his own office have lost count. He was the only head of state from the 49 members of the Organization of African Unity to attend the coronation of Jean Bédel Bokassa of the Central African Empire in December 1976, a journey he made for personal reasons of personal friendship.

Mauritius has 27 embassies abroad (about as many as a small island can afford), and draws on its bilingualism in sustaining all possible cultural and cultural links with Britain and France. Thus it is a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the Association Internationale des Parlementaires de Langue Française. It is a member of the Commonwealth and the Organisation Commune Africaine et Mauricienne and of all their specially associated cultural organizations.

It joined OCAM in 1970 and was host to its heads of state meeting in 1973. Though the link has often been questioned as something of an eccentricity, Sir Harold Walter justifies it. "If Arabs have an Arab League stretching from West Africa to Indonesia, why should not French-speaking people have the same association? It has done a lot of good, as for example the creation of the Air Afrique and a number of educational and cultural institutions." Much the same arguments are given for Mauritius's keen membership of the Commonwealth.

The Prime Minister's warm feelings for the Commonwealth were revealed when he said: "It was with great emotion and pride, doubtless shared by the whole nation, that I saw our flag flying at the Commonwealth conference alongside that of Great Britain."

Mauritius is also proud of its membership of the United Nations Security Council for the past two years and is presiding the chairmanship of the body.

With 52 per cent of its population Hindu and a further 17 per cent Muslim, having from the Indian sub-continent, family and cultural ties with India still flourish. They were stimulated still further by Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam's close personal friendship with Mrs Indira Gandhi. Since Mrs Gandhi's downfall, Sir Seewoosagur has carefully cultivated the Government of Mr Morarji Desai, being cordially received on his two visits to India.

But despite all its cosmopolitan and international links, Mauritius considers its political and economic links with Africa to be the most important. "That is where our true destiny lies", Sir Harold Walter says. "When Africa finally stands on its own feet, what is the country which will not have to reckon with the power of the African continent? It has great potential power and economic strength."

It is partly the feeling that Mauritius is very different from most ordinary African countries that makes it so keen to emphasize its African connexion and membership of the African club. It was invited as an observer to the Organization of African Unity immediately after independence, but admitted as a full member only five months later.

Then it offered to stage the OAU annual summit meeting of 1976. But President Amin, the chairman in 1975, objected to handing over to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, whom he described as only a prime minister and not head of state, a role still exercised by the Queen of England. The other members of the OAU ignored these eccentric objections, the summit was held in Mauritius and Sir Seewoosagur became OAU chairman for the usual year of office. He took the opportunity greatly to extend and broaden his contacts with his African neighbours.

A fundamental problem for Mauritius is its close links with South Africa. In the words of Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo, the Finance Minister: "We hope our African friends will understand our position. Our economic survival depends on our trade with South Africa. Without imports of South African food our cost of living would soar. And South Africa takes nearly all our tea production. We would like to change, but you cannot change trading patterns overnight."

Mauritius is quite open about the figures; in 1976 imports from South Africa were Rs238m (£19m) and exports to South Africa Rs39.6m (£3,219,000). South Africa is also with the exception of the neighbouring island of Réunion the major source of Mauritian tourism. South African capital also has a stake in Mauritian tourist hotels.

Opposition to apartheid

However, Mauritius rejects totally the philosophy of apartheid. It has no diplomatic links with Pretoria and supports all anti-apartheid resolutions at the United Nations. "The day that the United Nations imposes mandatory sanctions on South Africa", Sir Harold Walter says, "I can assure you that we will be the first country to follow them. Anyway, the day that Africa can offer alternative goods to those we currently import from South Africa, we will gladly switch our trading partners.

"I defy you to quote a single instance when I have not taken a stand on a matter of principle against South Africa", he continued. "Even our opposition party recognizes the realities and says that it would not be able to cut its South African links immediately."

Meanwhile Mauritius is trying to improve its relations with black Africa and integrate as fully as possible with the continent. Communications with East Africa are improving dramatically with good telex and telephone links and two flights weekly to Nairobi. Zambia Airways also provides a link with Lusaka. Trade with Kenya has increased sharply, too, tripling since 1973 with purchases of petroleum products, cement and food to total Rs56m (£4,553,000) in 1976 and Rs17m (£1,382,000) in the first quarter only of 1977.

Mauritius would be a keen purchaser of foodstuffs from many other African countries, including rice from Tanzania and cotton from Egypt and Sudan, for its substantial textile export industry. In return it would like to sell the products of its Export Processing Zones to African markets, for it is already in a position to match similar products made in the industrialized countries, both in terms of quality and in price.

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Radicals see time as their ally

Mr Paul Bérenger, the soft-spoken, fast-talking leader of the militant left, comes from a conventional background. He was born in 1945 in a well-to-do, white Mauritian family. His father was a senior official in the colonial government. After a spell as a naval cadet, he went in 1965 to University College, Aberystwyth, where he studied philosophy.

A course in journalism followed in Paris, and in 1968 he witnessed the students demonstrating in the streets, an emotional experience that was to influence him strongly when he returned home.

The situation at home was explosive. The country was torn by communal riots between the Creole and Muslim communities. British troops had been called in to restore order. The economy was in serious straits with high unemployment among a new generation of disgruntled youth.

This was the generation for which Mr Bérenger was the natural leader. He had already formed his Club des Etudiants Militants when on leave in 1967 and from this sprang the Mouvement Militant Mauricien.

It was a party which destroyed the old communal allegiances on which political battles had been fought in the past. It drew supporters from the Labour Party majority which was previously a largely Hindu party, from the Muslims and even from some Creoles, the descendants of the African slaves who had come to work the sugar plantations.

It was a radical party drawing support from all shades of Marxist and socialist opinion and from the workers which Mr Bérenger considered to be a pragmatic moderate compared with the doctrinaire factions on his left wing.

The movement took the country by storm: the problem was how to gain political power. Mr Bérenger organized a group of militant trade unions and tried by strike action to force the Government to hold elections that were due in 1972.

The strategy failed and after a series of crippling strikes, his trade unions were suspended and his newspaper banned. In March 1972 he was arrested to prevent him using the occasion of three-day state visit by the Queen to organize anti-Government demonstrations. He remained in detention until the end of the year and emerged to find the state of emergency had been extended and the elections postponed indefinitely.

His immediate political objectives had been frustrated but he had established his reputation as the leader of the younger generation that wanted a radical change in government.

To Mr Bérenger, the early 1970s were "a period of real repression.

"Mauritius was ruled by the gun up to 1973", he said. "They declared a state of emergency, imprisoned me and my supporters and postponed elections. It was after 1973 that the situation stabilized and slowly returned to normal."

Both Government and opposition were scared of the excessive violence and communalism that had erupted in the early 1970s. Mr Bérenger was prepared to adopt a more flexible and pragmatic approach. He concentrated on the organization of his party and trade unions.

His hour came in the elections of 1976. In the municipal elections of April the MMM won 52 per cent of the vote and captured three out of the five municipalities on the island, including the capital Port Louis.

In the general elections of December 1976 it won 39 per cent of the votes and 34 of the 70 seats—just two seats short of an overall majority, and more than Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam's Labour Party, which won only 28.

Sir Seewoosagur refused to give up office and in an astute tactical move offered an alliance to the party of his old rival and opponent, Mr Gaëtan Duval. By doing so he scraped together a two-seat majority.



Mr Bérenger

"Naturally we felt frustrated", Mr Bérenger said, "but we know that time is on our side." The Labour Party had been shaken to its foundations. About 30 per cent of its electorate had voted for the MMM according to an independent French survey. "Next time they will have to fight in an alliance with the PMSD (Parti Mauricien Social Démocrate) and that will be their downfall", Mr Bérenger said.

Once in power the MMM would not demand sudden radical changes but it would take a socialist direction and not be prepared to hang on to the apron strings of Britain, the former colonial power.

The party would take five years to nationalize key parts of the economy, gradually taking over the sugar estates. Self-reliance and self-sufficiency in agriculture would be two key objectives.

In foreign affairs there would be no break with existing relationships, particularly those with Europe and Africa.

"An immediate break with South Africa would be impossible, but we would move in that direction", Mr Bérenger said. "The Government has actually moved nearer and nearer to dependence, relying on them for our sales of tea, our imports of animal foodstuffs and the bulk of our tourists."

A.R.

'King' who survived defeat

"The King of the Creoles" is what they call Mr Gaëtan Duval in Mauritius and the trite nickname contains a kernel of truth. At 47 he is the most experienced of all Mauritian politicians apart from Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, and he draws his strength from his own Creole community that idolizes him more as a king than as an ordinary politician.

Though he has been out of office since his electoral defeat in the elections of December 1976, his grand new residence overlooking the Indian Ocean at Grande Gaube is still the place where his people make their pilgrimages expecting the king to "do something to help them". (Two delegations were waiting to meet him on the Sunday morning when I had my appointment.)

Mr Duval has always been the great showman and has preserved his image of glamour through the years both in and out of office. In the 1967 elections, when his party reached its high water mark, he rallied his people with the Black Power slogans of the age, preaching the message "Black is beautiful" while mounted on a black horse and wearing black leather clothing that was prominently featured on the pages of international magazines.

Mr Duval was born on October 9, 1930, and educated at a Roman Catholic primary school and then at the Royal College, Curepipe. He studied law in Britain and France, returning home in 1955 after he had been called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn.

He made his debut in politics in 1958 by joining the Parti Mauricien, led by the late Jules Koenig, who set him on his way to a successful political career.

In 1960 he stood for the first time for the Legislative Council. Apart from his own Creole community, he drew support from the 10,000 Mauritian whites and the private sector, which saw him as a man of the right most likely to defend its interests. He has frequently said that he believes in private enterprise and the business sector has backed him financially.

He won the Curepipe seat in 1960 and went on to become leader of the Parti Mauricien Social Démocrate (PMSD) in 1966. He opposed independence, explaining to his people that it could mean only dominance of the Creoles by the Hindu majority.

His campaign failed. Mauritius became independent in 1968 and Sir Seewoosagur decided to win over this powerful man, who was also mayor of Port Louis and enjoyed considerable trade union support. In 1969 Mr Duval joined the Government as Minister of External Affairs, Tourism and Emigration, the very areas where he had voiced the greatest criticism of the Government record in the past.



Mr Duval: image has lasted

The uneasy alliance lasted through the period of the 1971 general strike and the rise of the Mouvement Militant Mauricien. Then Mr Duval resigned because his plans were blocked for the establishment of a French naval base in Mauritius. His party suffered a further setback when the municipal councils, which it had dominated for a long time, were disbanded by the Government for financial irresponsibility.

Mr Duval went back into opposition and prepared for his next hurdle—the elections of December 1976. Though it concentrated its efforts on predominantly Creole and white areas, the PMSD received its worst mauling since the party was founded. It was reduced to eight seats only and Mr Duval himself, standing for a seat in Port Louis where he had strong ties and support, was defeated.

But he remained leader of the party and when Sir Seewoosagur was searching for a formula to preserve his minority Labour Party in office, he turned once more to his old political opponent. Mr Duval agreed and the eight PMSD members have since voted with the Government though they have been rewarded with little in the way of ministerial office.

Mr Duval finds his party locked into a coalition with the Government and yet feels unable to participate personally. "People say I should be there", he says, "but I adopt a low profile and wait".

A.R.



Newspapers offer a variety of views and languages

Three ways to press a view

by Godfrey Morrison

The survival of parliamentary democracy 10 years after independence owes much to the existence of an extraordinarily lively and politically diverse daily and weekly press. In most African countries—and Mauritius with its membership of the Organization of African Unity counts as a quasi-African state—the press is subservient to the Government and the role of the journalist is almost indistinguishable from that of the establishment public relations man.

The usual pattern is for the daily press to consist of one or perhaps two government or ruling party-owned dailies. But in Mauritius, despite the small population, there are no fewer than eight published in French and English. There are also a couple in Chinese for the small Chinese community.

Together, the daily newspapers probably do not enjoy a combined paid circulation in excess of 70,000 copies and though on the slim side (eight or ten pages) they make more interesting and entertaining reading than many of the more lavishly produced newspapers in continental Africa.

They cover all political opinions with *Le Mauricien* and *Le Militant* taking a generally left-wing and pro-Mouvement Militant Mauricien (MMM) line, *Advance* supporting Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam and his Labour Party, and *Le Cernéen*, which is owned by sugar interests, backing private enterprise. *L'Express* is neutral and journalistically the most enterprising, and probably has the highest circulation. *Le Populaire* is pro-Gaëtan Duval, and the Parti Mauricien Social Démocrate (PMSD) while *The Star* is Muslim-owned and apt to support the Comité d'Action Musulman (CAM). *The Nation* also supports Sir Seewoosagur and reflects broadly the views of the Hindu community.

Mauritian journalists say they have to exercise a degree of self-censorship on certain sensitive topics, but this does not prevent attacks by the pro-MMM papers not only on the general policy of the Government but on specific topics such as recent allegations about police brutality and harassment of innocent individuals. Indeed, it was quite an eye-opener for many African delegates who came to Mauritius a year and a half ago for the annual OAU summit to read over breakfast swingeing attacks on Sir Seewoosagur's Government and articles suggesting that the summit was nothing but a shameful waste of the Mauritian taxpayers' money.

The press reflects not only the political and racial diversity of the country but also its trilingualism. English is the official language, while everybody also speaks French, which also has official status. However, the lingua franca used in casual conversation and in most homes is patois. All three find a place in the press though all the main daily newspapers are produced mainly in French.

Mauritius must be one of the few places where both English and French are widely spoken, and where French rather than English is gaining ground. There are probably two main reasons for this.

Since the patois is a basically French-rooted language, access to French probably comes more easily to most Mauritians. In addition, the French Government, by means of cultural aid and other activities, is actively encouraging the trend, while the British are doing little (because of diplomatic staff cuts the British do not now have a diplomat in the High Commission specifically dealing with information).

The trend was well illustrated a couple of months ago when the *Mauritius Times*, a weekly which used to contain about 80 per cent of its editorial matter in English, appeared in a new format. Despite its unchanged name about 90 per cent of its articles will now be in French.

The editor, Mr B. Ramtallah, explained that he made the change for the sake of gaining a greater readership. "We were swimming against the tide—in so far as we were printing our weekly in English despite the fact that most Mauritians speak and read French."

For the time being at any rate English retains its status as the official language. The Government's official gazette is in English, as are official announcements and road signs, so that after a while in the country the visitor could be excused if he gained the impression that English was some kind of special language in which people are given orders or warnings.

Though all the daily newspapers now appear predominantly in French, most carry a few articles in English—articles on the previous weekend's English football matches (and advice about the latest permutations for the football pools), for example—and so keep the flag of Anglo-Saxon culture flying.

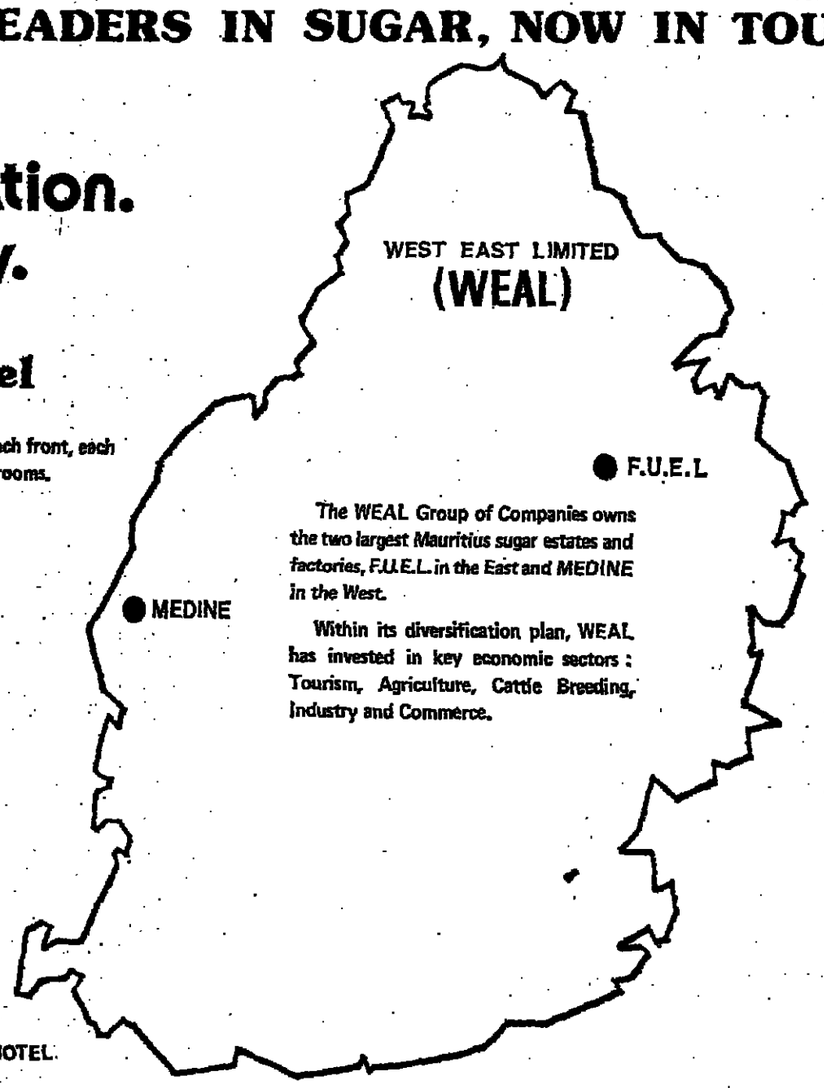
The advertising columns present a similarly bilingual appearance. A "pharmaceutical firm requires an energetic and dynamic young man or lady" while immediately below "On demande jeunes filles sérieuses", and across the page, in a bizarre mixture of both languages, the "Be smart unisex jeans boutique" advertises its wares.

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Mauritius –ten years after

by Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo, Minister of Finance

For Mauritius, the last ten years of independence have been a significant thrust forward.

During that period it has achieved, in the social and economic fields, most of the major objectives it set itself, and in certain sectors beyond expectations.

The country became independent in 1968, in poor economic conditions and in a climate of uncertainty about the future. The economy was stagnant and dangerously over-dependent on its sugar industry. We were faced with two social problems which then seemed near intractable: a high level of unemployment and a population which was growing too fast.

Today, Mauritius has become a self-reliant nation with a viable economy. Its development process has gathered momentum. Its economy is now more broadly based, with two new promising sectors consisting of processing/manufacturing industries and tourism. The population fertility rate has been reduced to a manageable 2 per cent increase per annum. The unemployment problem has been brought largely under control, and over the last ten years the country has succeeded in mobilizing its own resources to finance the major part of its development effort.

This record is, no doubt, the result of the hard work and ingenuity of the whole people confronted with a challenging situation. But it is also accounted for to a large extent by the social and economic policies followed by the government.

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 1970-80

Immediately after independence, the government set on working out a comprehensive development strategy to provide guidelines for action over the decade 1970-1980. The white paper "Development Strategy for Decade 1970-80" was issued in December, 1970, setting out the social priorities and economic objectives for the country. From this document stemmed the two successive five-year development plans, that of 1971-75 and the current one which is scheduled for completion in 1980.

The three main objectives of these plans may be summarized as follows: (I) to eliminate unemployment, (II) to give the country a strong and viable economy with a steady growth and (III) to ensure an equitable distribution of the national income.

In practical terms, these targets involved the following urgent tasks. First, to create some 76,000 new jobs in order to absorb the workforce coming on the labour market over that period. Secondly, to diversify the economy quickly, away from the predominant sugar production industry which was vulnerable to cyclones and to price fluctuations on the world market. And, finally, to implement socialist policies which would ensure to all sections of the people their fair share of the economic growth, in the form of better wages to the workers, security to the poor and needy, better quality of life in rural as well as urban areas and better education and health services for all.

As we look at the record, it may be said that this mix of social and economic policies has been successfully implemented. Over the period the country has experienced, on the whole, what may be called a balanced growth.

A SOLID PERFORMANCE

The following statistics will give a quick indication of the progress achieved so far.

Since 1970, the national income (at constant 1970 prices has been increasing at an average of 10 per cent p.a., as against a plan target of 7 per cent, and this despite the fact that the country was affected by a major cyclone in 1975. In 1976, the growth rate was 16.2 per cent, on the the other hand, the per capita income increased from Rs1,550 in 1972 to Rs4,079 in 1976. These figures are no doubt remarkable for a developing country the size of Mauritius.
(£1 sterling=12 Mauritius rupees (Rs))

Though the sugar industry remains predominant, a substantial part of that growth was accounted for by new expanding sectors such as the manufacturing industries and tourism.

Since 1971, Mauritius is operating an industrial free zone (EPZ) for export-oriented industries. By offering a wide range of fiscal incentives and intelligent labour, the EPZ has been able to attract investors from countries like the United Kingdom, France, West Germany, Hongkong and India. There are now some 94 such export-oriented industries in existence and they are employing some 18,000 persons, besides the numerous other jobs created in ancillary local industries e.g. construction, transportation, catering services. These industries are engaged in textile and garment manufacturing, production of plastic, leather and rubber articles and also in electronic components and industrial diamond cutting. Manufacturing exports in 1976 were over Rs300 million.

In addition, there are some 120 companies oriented towards import-substitution and in the hotel sector, employing some 8,000 persons.

A fast development has also occurred in the tourism industry. Our international standard hotels are able to accommodate comfortably the 100,000 tourists who now come to the country every year, compared to 36,000 in 1971.

A STRONG PUBLIC SECTOR IN A MIXED ECONOMY

The development of the country is being carried out within a mixed economy where private enterprise is encouraged. The plan allocates an active role to the private sector in implementing certain areas of development. It thus makes good use of the traditional "esprit entrepreneur" of the local private sector.

However, the public sector remains the prime-mover, by providing the infrastructure, creating the financial institutions, legislating, orienting the development thrust and also in providing part of the required finance.

There is a vigorous government-controlled development bank which channels finance to private enterprises. Since fiscal year 1971-72 government has made available loans totalling Rs80 million to that development bank, which also derived funds from other sources, like the World Bank.

In a more direct way, the volume of government development expenditures has increased dramatically since independence. In 1966-67, the year before independence, development expenditure by the public sector was a bare Rs56 million. By comparison, for the current fiscal year, public sector development expenditure is planned at a level of Rs683.7 million.

The following table reflects the rate at which government capital spending accelerated over the recent years:

	Rs million
1972-73	127.4
1973-74	244.8
1974-75	258.9
1975-76	423.3
1976-77	485
1977-78	683.7 (estimated)

The bulk has been spent on building up the country's infrastructure. Over the ten-year period 1968 to 1978 (including planned expenditure for 1977-78) capital spending on infrastructure is as follows: roads (Rs38.3m), harbour (Rs161.2m), electricity, including loans to central electricity board (Rs126.5m).

EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HOUSING

An important share of government capital spending has been allocated to "social" infrastructure such as building new schools, new health centres, modernizing hospitals and housing.

Capital expenditure on the sectors of education, health were as follows over the ten-year period 1968 to 1978:

	Total 1968-1978 Rs million
Education	108.5
Health	48.9

(includes estimate for 1977-78)

In order to encourage as many citizens as possible to own their houses, the government has financed on concessional terms the programmes of both the Mauritius housing corporation and the central housing authority. Over the ten-year period 1968-78, government loan finance to these institutions amount to a total of Rs116 million.

Finally, an important rural development programme is now being implemented, on which total planned expenditure is Rs200 million. This project is to narrow down disparity in quality of life in rural areas compared to urban areas.

FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT— MOBILIZATION OF LOCAL RESOURCES

Because of the country's sound financial management, it enjoys today a high-level of credit-worthiness with international financial organizations like the world bank, the European Investment Fund, the African Development Bank and others. These organizations have already financed and are financing a wide range of projects in various sectors of our development programme. Besides, the country has also derived development aid through bilateral arrangements from the British Ministry of Overseas Development, the Caisse Centrale de Co-operation (France), the government of India.

However it has been a government consistent policy to rely preferably on local rather than external resources to finance our development effort. At 30 June 1977, the country's external debt stood at Rs323 million. At that level, it represents barely 23 per cent of the country's total debt.

Over the ten-year period 1967-77, the public sector development expenditure amounted to an aggregate of Rs1,888 million. It must be emphasized that out of this amount no less than Rs1.068 million were financed from domestic savings, through loans raised on the local money market. Further, during the same period, some Rs114 million were saved from revenue and transferred to the capital fund for the financing of development projects. In other words, since independence, over 60 per cent of government spending has been successfully financed from domestic savings. This is a concrete illustration of the policy of self-reliance followed by the country.

SOCIALISM—DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL INCOME

The government has, since independence, played its role fully in ensuring that the fruits of economic growth were spread as widely as possible over the people. The budget represents the chief instrument in implementing that policy of national income redistribution.

It is significant that out of the total expenditure planned in the recurrent budget for 1977-78, the lion's share is to be spent on social services such as health, education and social security. This amounts to a total expenditure of Rs460.1 million, or about 37 per cent of the whole budget. The following table shows the fast expansion of spending on these social services, which has increased by five fold since independence.

	1967-68 (Rs million)	1977-78 (Rs million)
(A) Education	29.5	223.9
(B) Health	22.0	110.5
(C) Social Security	32.7	125.7
	84.2	460.1

As from this year, two measures of major social significance are being introduced. And thus illustrate best how government is fulfilling its programme for a genuinely socialist and progressive society for Mauritius.

Since January last, education has been made free at university, secondary and primary levels. This measure will cost an estimated Rs64.7 million each year.

A national pension scheme is also scheduled to become operative as from July in two years. It will require an estimated annual contribution of Rs77 million from government to cover the non-contributory parts of the scheme.

These two advanced socialist measures represent an important effort on the part of a country like Mauritius.

COST OF LIVING—SUBSIDIES ON BASIC COMMODITIES

Further, within the income re-distribution policy, wages and salaries have been revised substantially upward during the last years. The wage rate of an average worker has increased by more than four times since 1970. In order to keep down the prices of basic food commodities and utilities, the government heavily subsidizes certain items. For example, over the last five years (including estimated expenditure for 1977/78), the cumulative amount allocated to these subsidies are as follows: Rice and flour (Rs585.1m), potatoes (Rs7.2m), fertilizer (Rs49.9m), water (Rs87.0m), electricity (Rs6.0m).

As an indication of the financial effort which is required from government, the subsidies on rice and flour only amount to some Rs100m each year. And these subsidies on rice and flour represented about 25 per cent and 21 per cent of the total budgets for fiscal 1973-74 and 1974-75 respectively. This subsidization policy has a positive impact on the individual family budget.

CONCLUSION

A report on Mauritius by experts from the International Monetary Fund says:

"On the eve of independence less than a decade ago, its economic future was uncertain because of its sole reliance on sugar for sustenance and growth, and of the excessive pressure of its population. However, its achievements not only in terms of per capita income growth, but also of population control, have belied those forebodings. Mauritius is now in a position where the challenge faced is to maintain the growth momentum gained over the last few years."

Since 1968, the progress of Mauritius in many fields has indeed been remarkable. Mauritius has taken a relatively short time to achieve many of its major objectives and to lay the ground work for its future progress.

We can now look ahead with confidence in the knowledge that Mauritians have in themselves the power and ability to build a lofty future.



Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo

by Kher Jagatsingh, Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs

The philosophy that has guided our educational Policy is clear. We have always believed that education is the best safeguard of democracy. We are convinced that the health of the country, the well-being of its people and the development of its economy are all closely linked to the provision of education, to each one according to this merit and potential. But the conceptualization of our present approach to the problem has its genesis in the political struggle of our people.

After the major constitutional reforms of 1947 which were allowed as a result of pressure from the masses, political power passed from the hands of a few to a new generation of Mauritian leaders who had unflinching faith in the potentialities of the working classes. Those leaders included our Prime Minister who very soon became their leading light. It was a turning point in the history of Mauritian education. Under the impulsion of our Prime Minister the policy of free primary education for all was adopted and no one of school-going age was to be refused admission to a primary school. Thus began our epic struggle for political emancipation and the kind of rapid economic development we are witnessing today in Mauritius.

Having established free primary education as a right of the common man, we were determined to further democratize education, we also resolved to make for equality of access and equality of opportunity. Until very recently, secondary education was available to only those children whose parents could afford to pay for it. In many instances, poor parents made heroic sacrifices, and suffered untold deprivations in order to pay for the education of their children. All this had changed now. We have taken the historic step to abolish school fees. In addition we have evolved a book-loan scheme which will within four years remove the burden of purchasing expensive books from all the parents. But our efforts are not going to rest here. While making education accessible to everybody according to his merit and as far as possible according to his aspirations and expectations, we are determined to upgrade the quality of Mauritian education.

We are elaborating a master plan for the development of education in Mauritius at all levels: pre-primary, primary, post primary, secondary and post-secondary. All these sectors are in need of a total review of their organization and administration. All curricula and syllabuses, examinations and modes of assessment are being reviewed so that they become more relevant to the individual's needs, to the needs of society and to the needs of our developing economy. We are encouraging non-profit making schools and private secondary schools to maintain and improve their standards by schemes of assistance and financial remuneration. In addition, the government is participating more and more directly in secondary education. In March this year, six junior secondary schools will be opening their doors. More such schools are planned over the years so that in the foreseeable future, Mauritius will be served by an important network of state government secondary schools working in partnership with other good secondary schools.

We are also very much aware that the quality of education ultimately depends on the teachers. It is the teachers who must interpret in the classroom the new values of an independent Mauritius. It is the teachers who must interpret the challenges of the community in which they and their pupils live and work.

The Mauritius Institute of Education has played a central role in all these endeavours. The Institute became functional in 1975 and within two years, with a small staff and without a building of its own, it has already justified the high expectations that have been placed in it. The Mauritius Institute of Education was set up as a national instrument of change and reform. It is fully committed to assisting the government in "providing education responsive to the social, linguistic, administrative, scientific, agricultural and technological needs of Mauritius". In the field of curriculum reform, the institute is now entering on the third year of its major reform project, initially comprising forms I, II and III. The instructional material prepared and tested by institute staff, in collaboration with teachers and principals of secondary schools, is paving the way for the gradual standardization of textbooks. From January this year the institute material is in the hands of all form I pupils. In January 1979 the institute form II material will be in textbook form and January 1980 the project will have covered form III. This major reform is directed at a form III national examination which will act as a major instrument of change. The results of the form III examination will be essential for guidance, orientation and the placement of students for further education and training.

But the process of Mauritianization must be taken to its logical end. The school must become the central instrument for the diffusion of the right attitudes, the sound values and the appropriate skills. Mauritians must know about one another, about the country in which they live and about the people who built it. Mauritians must know their past in order to revaluate their cultural legacies. Mauritians must be given the tools to build a Mauritius where prejudice, ignorance and fear would be absent. They must be given the opportunity to develop their talents and to promote their own development as well as the national interest.

It is also the wish of the government that the Mauritian child be examined in a context familiar to him and in subjects relevant to the Mauritian situation, without lowering standards. The institute of education has already successfully and efficiently carried out the primary school leaving certificate examination last year and has overviewed other examinations. Other examinations, e.g., a new examination to combine the purposes for which the primary school leaving certificate and the junior scholarship examinations were devised, and a new examination to orientate secondary school children towards studies more appropriate to their aptitudes must be considered, and I am sure that the Institute of Education will be ready to meet these new challenges when the time comes.

All this would not have been achieved if there had not been a sense of vision from the government which insisted upon the setting-up of the Mauritius Institute of Education. It equally is true that we sought and obtained financial assistance from the British Government and the UNDP and professional advice from Unesco and other sources.

It is clear that the steps we have already taken and those that are contemplated will revolutionize our educational system. This revolution is taking place silently, smoothly, professionally. It is a revolution that is rooted in a searching analysis of the Mauritian predicament, of individual aspirations and national goals. It is inspired by respect for the individual, the human person, and is based upon considerations of fair play and social justice.

Education reform of such magnitude is a long and protracted process. Education reform, perhaps more than any other reform, calls for the co-operation and participation of the public. Above all, we must have patience and confidence. There is no country in Africa which has been able to do as much in the field of educational reform as we have done within ten years of independence in Mauritius. But this does not mean that we have done enough. I believe that there is still much more to be done in order to catch up with our own past. In other words, we have to be active and alert so that we can reach the objective of decolonizing our minds and thus create a new kind of Mauritian who will be able to think and act independently instead of behaving as a carrier of other people's ways of thinking.

Let us also not forget the debt we owe to the past. I should like to pay my sincere tribute especially to those workers who came from India and Africa in the last century who, in their own way, made a deep contribution as educators to the progress and development of the country. They were the people who during the day would water the earth with their sweat and blood and in the evening they would gather together and educate themselves, and it was a soul-stirring kind of education. It had very little to do with the alphabets, it was real, genuine education. Although they were brought here in chains, their souls remained intact. Their bodies could be broken but in spirit they were men of steel, their muscles could be ripped open but their minds could not be captured. And what was more they did not have the option of looking for external help. Their internal strength was enough to prevent the slow destruction of their souls. They must have been inspired by the following verse from the Bhagavad Gita:

"Uddhared atmana
atmanam
Na atmanam avasadayet,
Atmaiva-hy atmano
bandhu,
Atmaiva-hy ripur
atmanah.
Raise yourself by your
own effort
Do not degrade yourself.
You are your own friend,
You are your own
enemy."

However, the situation is different today. Our chains have been overtly broken and there is no attempt to break our bodies. On the contrary, our bodies are being nourished and kept healthy, but our souls are in danger of being bartered.

I am sorry to have to say that in this country there has always been an inbuilt prejudice against anything African and Asian. And we have not yet got rid of this prejudice in spite of all the noise about the emergence of a pseudo Mauritian nationalism which is likely to sap the foundations of our cultural heritage. I fear that we are gradually losing the love of work; any kind of work. This is a serious situation and I believe that the cause of this decay is to be found in our system of education.

It is my firm belief that in 20th century Mauritius such a system of education is not only irrelevant, it is anti-national. I do not want a system of education which will produce a society of healthy beggars. I do not want a system of education which stultifies the innate sense of beauty of our people. Nor do I want a system of education which will create a society of aliens. Let me therefore suggest that all of us who are engaged in education could usefully reflect upon the role of the modern educator as defined by Gaston Mialaret:

"A la parabole du bon jardinier qui constate la croissance et se rejouit de l'epanouissement de ses fleurs, il faut substituer celle de l'horticulteur moderne, soucieux, non seulement d'avoir de belles fleurs, mais de nouvelles fleurs grace a des engrais bien choisis, a des apports nouveaux par les croisements, a la recherche de nouvelles conditions de culture."

And who will disagree that Mauritius is "un jardin"?

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ORTH SEA HOPES AND FEARS

re has been a growing im-ssion in recent weeks that various benefits to be ex-ed from North Sea oil will substantially late and below ecast levels. This has led some feeling that our oil anza is over, even before it begun. Except in the nar-rest possible sense, namely t 1978 is likely to be an ction year and North Sea oil dings in 1978 may for a iety of reasons be 10 to 15 cent below what was re-tly expected, there seems to little reason for this sudden se of depression.

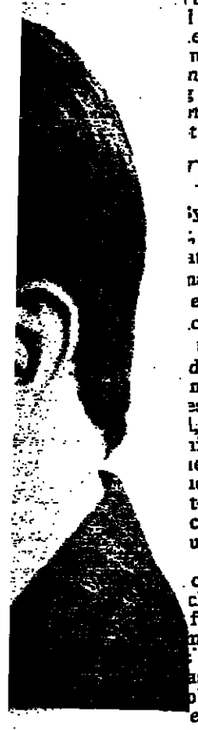
t is true that the rate of duction of North Sea oil is newhat slower than was being icipated, even quite recently. is also true that world oil ces, both in dollar and even ce in sterling terms, have n falling since the first half 1977. The combined effect these various influences has n somewhat to affect the tim-of the benefits from the rth Sea. Neither the even-l quantity or quality of those efits in total seems to have n materially altered.

n some respects self-cancel-; influences are at work. Bad rther during 1977 and signifi-t delays in the development of terminal facilities at Sullom Voe in the Shetlands have com-bined to slow the increase in production from the North Sea. The fact that, according to all probable forecasts, the world is enjoying a temporary oil glut may also have reduced the urgency of some North Sea de-velopment programmes. The move towards net British self-sufficiency in oil could, there-fore, have been delayed by about a year. Against that, however, the same glut and the fall in the value of the dollar has pro-duced a relatively sharp drop in the sterling cost of the bill for our remaining net deficit in oil products. In the present condi-tion of the world oil market, and against the background that there is almost certain to be further oil shortage and price increase within five years, it makes in any case national sense to have a slower rather than a faster rate of production of this finite and valuable resource.

The effect on the balance of payments is the first effect of North Sea oil. The second is on the Government's revenue position. The lower sterling price of oil, the continued and somewhat higher production costs and delays in the rate of increase in production will clearly in combination delay and reduce the royalty and tax rev-enues coming to the Exchequer. During the coming financial year, revenue from these sources could be some £500m less than the more optimistic forecasts that were current a year ago. There is, however, no reason to depart from the Government's general forecast that oil rev-enues in total will be of the order of £5,000m by about 1980. Equally, the net effect of North Sea oil on the current account of the balance of pay-ments should still be of the order of £2,500m in the present year.

It has always been necessary to keep North Sea oil in perspec-tive. In relation to the size and problems of the British economy and British industry, it has never promised the kind of bon-anza that would alone provide the painless solution to every-thing. By creating some elbow room in the revenues of central government and by a substan-tial contribution to the balance of payments, North Sea oil gives us some chances over the next decade that would otherwise not have existed: no more and no less. The production delays for 1978 make no significant differ-ence to that picture for the next ten years.

ILL THE AMERICAN MINERS OBEY?



y invoking the Taft-Hartley , President Carter is doing it he can to minimize the naging effects of the erican coal-miners' strike, ch has now been under way three months. Tens of thou-ds of people have already n laid off in the Mid-West as esult of measures to conserve , and he said on Monday that illion more could be in the ie situation if the strike con-ied for another month. The t-Hartley Act lays down a cedure by which strikers are uired to go back to work for eighty-day period, during ch new efforts are made to ch a settlement with the help federal mediators. It is far m certain that it will work in case. In fact on previous asions when the Act has been oked against them, the miners e simply ignored it. But Mr ter clearly felt that the situa-was becoming so serious that had to take what action he ld.

he first step, now being en, is for the strike to be ed into by a three-man board inquiry appointed by Mr ter. They are expected to ort within a day or two, and the basis of their findings Mr ter can instruct the Attorney eral to go to a federal district rt and ask for a temporary nction requiring the miners return to work. The court es the ruling if it finds that strike "imperils national lth or safety", and it can act y quickly. But the question arises of what the miners' reaction will be. The United Mine Workers of America has been hostile to the Taft-Hartley Act since it came into force in 1947, when its leader, Mr John L. Lewis, described it as a "slave labour law". So there are good reasons for thinking that the miners of Appalachia, used to long and bitter disputes, will be disinclined to obey the court in-junction.

Faced with this prospect, Mr Carter is using both carrot and stick. He has suggested that if the miners go back to work they should receive the higher wages which were part of the deal which they rejected over the weekend. But he has also made it clear that if they disregard the court order, they will be breaking the law, and so liable to lose various unemployment benefits which they have been receiving so far. Even this may not be enough to get the miners back to work, and so the pre-sumption is that Mr Carter is hoping that they will also come under pressure from two other quarters: public opinion, if they are seen as breaking the law, and other unions, if by continu-ing their strike they put large numbers of people out of work.

At this stage, the dispute is not over wages, since the miners have been offered an increase of about 37 per cent over three years. It is over two other points on which the employers have insisted: penalties for miners who take part in wildcat strikes, and a change in the health and pension scheme, by which the miners will have to start making their own contri-butions. The employers have maintained that these points are essential if the coal industry as a whole is to meet the target set for it by Mr Carter in his energy proposals, of doubling production by 1985. Under pres-sure from Mr Carter, they agreed last month to terms which were slightly more fav-ourable to the miners than those they had originally accepted. But the terms were overwhelmingly rejected when they were put to the union membership, in spite of being endorsed by Mr Arnold Miller, the union president.

The question now, therefore, is whether the Taft-Hartley Act can be used to help resolve the dispute, or at least soften its effects. Its record has been an uneven one in the thirty or so cases in which it has been in-voked, and there are those who argue that it does more harm than good by reinforcing the de-termination of such groups as the miners to stay out on strike. In this case, it is still not clear exactly how damaging the strike is likely to be; only about half of American coal production is affected, and some of the more alarmist predictions have not yet come about. But it is serious enough for Mr Carter to over-come the traditional reluctance of American Presidents to be-come involved in such labour disputes. Having done so, he has chosen the Taft-Hartley Act, rather than more radical meas-ures such as seizing the mines. But he must be as aware as everyone else of the difficulties he faces.

gby football penalties

n Lord Wakefield of Kendal

Your correspondent, Mr Peter pp (March 4), states that my posal of the referee awarding e points because a player is ide or puts the ball into the mmage askew is unacceptable. I not made any such suggestion. ed for this kind of what might lescribed as a technical offence uld lessen the present severity a penalty kick award by not ving a direct kick at goal.

y proposal refers only to nces under law 26 such as foul and persistent infringement, ie, ting.

ne suggestion by another cor-ondent that the proposed nge in the laws increases the onsibility of the referee is erro-s. His responsibility is to award penalty laid down in the laws an offence and whether that lty is severe or insignificant her increases nor decreases his onsibility to make a correct sion.

e referee is the sole judge of irrespective of what others see or a television film may v.

rs faithfully,
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man rights obligations

n Mr Alastair D. W. Logan

Mr Fred Sylvester MP, in his r (February 6) is mistaken in ding that Conventions such as European Convention for the ection of Fundamental Rights Human Freedoms operate pre-inantly against states like the ed Kingdom "with many insti-ns vigilant in the defence of an rights". Of the cases that before the European Commis-of Human Rights in this coun-the substantial proportion of are prisoners' cases.

is stems from the fact that courts have consistently re-l to intervene to protect the s of prisoners. The courts held that the prison rules are ly regulatory and that a ch of them does not give rise a civil claim. The Home e has consistently promul-l internal (secret) directives have been designed to pre-prisoners getting access to ad-on their rights and to reme-for complaints that they may

the recent case of R v Hull d of Prison Visitors ex parte ermain, the Divisional Court that boards of visitors are not ct to the rules of natural jus-which in essence means that the courts of this country will not interfere to ensure that boards of visitors act fairly in the execution of their duties when adjudicating upon prisoners who are alleged to have committed offences against in-ternal discipline. As a result the only avenue that a prisoner has is the European Commission and the European Court.

Article 6 (1) of the European Convention simply guarantees the right of an individual subject, whether imprisoned or not, to an impartial court and to a fair trial. We could substantially reduce the number of applications to the Euro-pean Commission instantly by ensuring that prisoners have a right of access to independent legal advice and to a court for the de-termination of their rights and obligations. It is sadly the case that there are no internal institutions vigilant in the defence of the human rights of the prisoners of this country which are capable of providing for the prisoner the guarantees en-shrined in the European Conven-tion.

Yours faithfully,
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Labour on farms

From Professor Kenneth Mellanby

Sir, Professor Britton (letter, March 2) has shown clearly that, in the present economic situation, farming in Britain cannot employ many more workers. Mr David Green (letter, March 4) suggests that though this may be true today, in the not distant future we may need to intensify labour on our farms, partly because of the coming world fuel shortage, and also be-cause labour intensive methods, such as those used in market gar-dens and to grow vegetables by suburban householders, are much more productive than our present open field farming system.

It is time that it was realized that this statement about relative productivity, so often put forward by those who dislike modern farm-ing, is simply not true. If we com-pare the production of useful food on the basis of the area under cul-tivation, a well run modern arable farm in Britain produces more calories and protein per hectare than does the cultivator, no matter how efficient, of a garden. The highest yields of wheat and pota-toes, two foods which could make up the greater part of a healthy diet, are greatest where modern machines are properly used, with the optimum applications of fertil-izer and pesticide. This is not to say that some fruits and vegetables are not efficiently grown on small plots. This is a very useful activity, but it makes only a minor contri-bution to our total food intake.

The energy question is more com-plicated. Arable farming produces crops containing much more energy than is expended in growing them. Nevertheless with rising costs of oil and electricity, economy makes good sense, and we are likely to see increased savings from tech-niques like the direct drilling of cereals. Though energy is used to manufacture fertilizers and pesti-cides, their use is likely to increase when the crop gain so greatly ex-ceeds the energy used in their manufacture. It would be sensible to ration energy for other uses to guarantee our food supply. In agri-culture, savings can best be made in livestock production and food processing, two activities which use far greater quantities of fuel than does the growing of arable crops.

More employment on farms, and in rural activities, may be socially desirable, but only so long as we understand the true effects of such a development.

Yours etc,
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Future of the Discovery

From Commander W. F. Skelton, RN

Sir, It was sad to read in The Times of March 4 that, unless some bene-factor comes forward, the Discovery may have to be scrapped. Although one hears more of Captain Scott's later expedition in Terra Nova, largely because of its terrible series of misfortunes and its tragic end, his first expedition in Discovery laid the groundwork for this and was, in relation to its more limited aims, very successful.

I believe that Discovery is part of our national heritage and should be regarded as a responsibility of the nation as a whole. She should not be cast aside because of a lack of funds in the defence votes. In any case the fact that she belongs at present to the Ministry of De-fence simply because she has been used in recent years for service training is quite beside the point. £500,000 (said to be the amount required for a refit) is not a great sum these days and it should be possible to raise a substantial part of it by charging the 300,000 or so annual visitors a small entrance fee; but meanwhile if no benefactor appears, parliament should vote the necessary funds.

Yours faithfully,
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Settlement in Rhodesia

From Professor John Hutchinson

Sir, Your morbid correspondent Mr Nicholas Ashford (The Times, Feb-ruary 22) continues to express the defeatism of the West on Rhodesia by arguing that unless the Patriotic Front is brought into the settlement it will continue its harassment from neighbouring sanctuaries until "the collapse of Rhodesia has become total".

We are paralysed by the pre-tenders. Has nobody thought of actually encouraging those in Salis-bury who are working for self determination and constitutional government? Why do we not tell them openly that if they negotiate a popular agreement we will recog-nize their sovereignty and gird them with money and arms for their self defence? Do we not understand that the quality of the agreement, and the popular support for it, will be greatly affected by our known readiness to support it? Why do we not openly tell the shipwreck states of Zambia and Mozambique that we will expect them to respect the borders of a free and sovereign Zimbabwe and to deny sanctuary to invaders? Why do we not stand up for freedom just once in Africa, instead of paving the way for the Cubans?

Faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A two year degree course

From Professor Max Beloff, FBA

Sir, Since this college is not repre-sented on the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, we have no opportunity of influencing any pronouncement they may make about university policy. I should, therefore, like, through your columns, to express my disagree-ment with the remarks made by Lord Boyle, as reported by you in your issue of March 6. Lord Boyle is reported as follows:

"I am quite confident a two-year university degree course, or a two year diploma in higher educa-tion is no more acceptable to the universities than it was five years ago."

Our experience here leads us to a very different conclusion.

We have now had the results of the final examinations of our first group of students doing a two year degree course. Their performance, on the evidence provided by our external examiners (drawn from a number of different universities) seems in no way inferior to those who have had the more conven-tional three year course. It is also the case that the ability to read a degree course in two years has turned out to be an attractive pro-position for students; and the ex-periment is obviously arousing in-creasing interest in the university world at large.

It would be absurd to suggest that a two year degree course is suit-able in every field of study, or is in any way a panacea, but provided it consists, on the Buckingham model, of no less than eight terms each of 10 weeks, there is no reason to dismiss it out of hand.

It seems to me extremely dan-gerous, for the health of the univer-sity world as a whole, if every sug-gestion for looking again at the use of resources is dismissed out of hand as being incompatible with entrenched positions. Unless Lord Boyle and his colleagues have evi-dence about the country's future economic growth, which is not accessible to the rest of us, it seems very likely that financial stringency is something the universities will have to learn to accept. Since we have had to accept it here from the beginning, what we are doing might at least be looked at as evi-dence for the true limits of the possible.

Yours faithfully,
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Defining death

From Professor Brodie Hughes

Sir, Dr Hopkins (March 6) whose arguments concerning the termino-logy of death were justified by the circumstances, nevertheless tends to perpetuate our difficulties by using the term "death". This has been a stumbling block in all the discussions on this matter and the matter is not helped by the use of the qualified term "brain death".

What we require is some phrase that indicates that a person, as a person, has ceased to exist. The fact that some portions of the mechan-ism that housed his persona still function, albeit with external assistance, is surely irrelevant.

The Royal Colleges have devised a series of tests which are now accepted as determining that the brain of a person has ceased to function and is incapable of func-tioning again. That person, as an individual, has ceased to exist and will not appear again. Parts of his brain may be "dead" and parts of his body may be "alive"; this is unimportant and what is done with the mechanical shell should not cause concern. What is relevant is that an individual, as an individual, has vanished and we require some term to denote this without recourse to the terms alive or dead.

It may be that the churches can offer us some help here with their concept of a "soul". Could we not say that the soul has departed from the body, or if you prefer it has gone to another existence from which it cannot be recalled. The method of dealing with the mechanical container for the soul, the body, then ceases to be important.

Yours faithfully,
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A pay increase for servicemen

From Mr Stephen Hall-Jones

Sir, Lord Chalfont's article (March 6) was one for which he deserves congratulation. Not because he is right (which is almost always the case), but because he has managed to convey the mood of the services in that calm and logical way which no serving member of Her Majesty's forces could find it easy to adopt today.

The criticism, if it be one, is that Lord Chalfont is not right enough. The mood, certainly within the Army, and I write as one of the 646 mentioned in his article, is, to say the least, both alarming and depressing. Fewer and fewer short service officers of quality are con-verting to regular commissions, and more and more officers in the 28-31 age group (i.e. captains about to seek staff college nominations) are applying for early retirement. The figures which were given, to be fair, may well have been inflated this year because of the decision to stop paying a gratuity to those regular officers who retire after this month.

Nevertheless the trend can be seen, and unless steps are taken, there will soon be a serious short-age of high quality officers in the rank of major, and it is at that level, both on the staff and on regimental duty, where "quality" is most needed. The causes are many and only a few were men-tioned in Lord Chalfont's article. In my view, by far the most serious cause for officers is the depressing career pattern which is offered to those who fail to get a staff college nomination. For, no matter how well suited to higher command an officer may be, and no matter how much is said of getting "staff qualified" instead of "passed staff college", the fact is that, these days, failure to obtain the letters "psc" considerably limits an officer's opportunity of anything other than the most insignificant and dull of higher appointments.

Almost as important as a cause of unrest among soldiers and officers is the deplorable financial reward offered to those who serve. Nothing brought home to me more the appalling decline in the prestige of the profession of soldiery than the sight of a very senior army officer trying, lamely to justify the curious reasonings behind the last Armed Forces Pay Review Board's recommendations. The real danger here is that officers and soldiers have lost the trust which they used to have in their most senior officers' ability to fight for a "better deal", and this opens the door to the frightening spectre of the inter-vention, or creation, of a soldier's trade union.

The unfairness of the situation, highlighted by Lord Chalfont's article, is what angers the Army. Stretched to their limits by opera-tions in Northern Ireland, soldiers are then expected to act as firemen, carrying out long periods of train-ing and travel to such places as Belize. A more than fair day's work for a more than unfair day's pay it would be difficult to find, and at every step the chance of parity with his civilian counterpart recedes.

Most officers and soldiers acknowledge that, despite manning reductions, lessening career oppor-tunities and the pressures on them described in the article, service in the Army could be a satisfying and worthwhile job, but not so long as they are treated with the contempt, so far as pay in concerned, at pre-sent being displayed by their politi-cal masters. Members of Her Majesty's Army are just not pre-pared to carry on serving their Queen and country unless their con-tribution to that country is fairly assessed. The departure of those who, after such a long time, have given up hope of that ever happen-ing presents a disturbing threat to the effectiveness of the Armed Forces and our national security.

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Repatriation of prisoners

From Miss Elisabeth Barker

Sir, In the argument over the re-patriation of Soviet citizens, I think that Mrs K. Porter was right, in today's issue (March 4), to raise the question of the attitude of the British press at that time. It seems to me pretty certain, given the edi-torial policy of The Times during the war and immediate post war years, that your paper would not at the time have condemned the repatriation. The official records show that at moments Professor E. H. Carr, then your chief expert on Soviet affairs, went altogether too far in advocating friendship with Moscow to suit the taste of the Foreign Office or Eden.

I make this point not to carp at The Times but to argue that the repatriation question must be seen in a certain historical framework. At Yalta, Roosevelt told Stalin that American troops would be out of Europe within two years. Since Britain was bankrupt and France still very weak, what choice had Eden, or Bevin after him, but to try to keep on good terms with Stalin, however bleak the prospect might be? To break a wartime agreement would hardly have helped towards this end.

Things look very different after 30 years. If I examine my own con-science I have to remember that I advised certain East Europeans who had done wartime secret propaganda work for the British to return home after the war. I now see that the advice was bad, but at the time I gave it in good faith and with good will. I believe that moral judgments should only be made where the his-torical context of actions is taken into account.

Yours faithfully,
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Immigration restrictions

From Mr Michael Dummett, FBA

Sir, One of the characteristic features of those repeated bouts of political agitation about immigra-tion, the latest of which we are undergoing, is the gross falsity of the factual assumptions made by most members of the public, assumptions which few newspapers or politicians try to correct and which they often actively reinforce.

A striking illustration of this occurred in the BBC's panel discus-sion preceding the announcement of the Ilford by-election result. Many helpful statements were made dur-ing this discussion, such as Mr St John Stevas's flat denial that people from the Caribbean or the Indian sub-continent pose any threat to our culture and Dr Owen's com-ment that people in other countries are disgusted by the tone of public discussion in Britain of immigration and race. For all that, when a ques-tioner proposed, as a means of restricting "the numbers", that immigrants be admitted for settle-ment only if they had specific jobs to come to, not one panellist corrected the blatant error under-lying the proposal.

The 1971 Immigration Act abolished altogether the entitle-ment of non-patrials with work per-mits to permanent settlement, excepting only certain very special classes, of which doctors form the only important one, who could be admitted without a permit. Thus, for five years, our law has been far more severe than the questioner was proposing that it should be-come. Yet Dr Owen, in his reply, appeared even to confirm the questioner's belief that numbers of "immigrants", not dependants, are gaining permanent admission, some with, some without, promised jobs.

For 17 years Conservative and Labour politicians have both en-couraged and surrendered to clamour for restrictions on (black) immigration; but in the process the public has been allowed to remain largely ignorant of the harshness of the restrictions progressively imposed. Among those many (of whom I am not one) who have been convinced that there are valid grounds for restricting black immi-gration, only irreconcilable fanatics refuse to balance those grounds against the effects of the measures taken on the lives of those on whom they bear. It is therefore of great importance that senior poli-ticians, attempting to resist the present space of demands for new restrictions, give the lie to popular misconceptions about what is and has been happening, rather than, for whatever reason, letting them pass unchallenged.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL DUMMETT,
All Souls College,
Oxford.
March 5.

National Front tactics

From The Reverend J. B. Naylor

Sir, I write as a priest who lives and works in an area where the National Front appears to have quite a strong following. The letter from their Chairman in The Times (February 23) is one more attempt to mislead people into thinking that they are a respectable political party. The evidence available from the way they behave, as opposed to the things they sometimes say, in no way supports this view. May I give one or two examples from recent press reports and from my own experience?

The events leading up to the dreadful scenes in Lewisham last August included a vicious attack by supporters of the National Front on a peaceful demonstration organized by the committee set up to "defend" the "Lewisham 24".

On September 7 last year a group of about 40 men chanting National Front slogans broke up a Labour Party meeting which was being addressed by Tom Cox, the Member of Parliament for Wandsworth. A friend of mine at the meeting described it as "frightening".

On the evening of September 5 last year I was having a drink in a public house in my parish when a well-known group of local National Front supporters came in and the landlord was assaulted.

On January 21 this year a gang of men sporting National Front badges went on the rampage in a gay pub in South London, injuring at least two people.

In a radio programme on January 15 this year Martin Webster, one of their senior spokesmen, refused to condemn members of the National Front who assaulted some "flashers . . . and filthy perverts" after the meeting in Red Lion Square. The description is not mine, it comes from an article in the youth broad-sheet, Bulldog, glorifying the activi-ties of these young thugs. Webster, when asked if he dissociated himself from such behaviour by his members replied "Not at all". Is this the way a party that claims to stand for law and order intends to treat people it disagrees with if it should ever get into power?

This is a short list, I could go on for much longer. The National Front cannot dismiss these activities as the behaviour of a lunatic fringe—they clearly form part of a campaign of terror. We will not believe their oft repeated claims that such actions are the work of left-wing agent-provocateurs.

My own church has been daubed with slogans and the leaders of this movement constantly attack the Church for speaking out against them. It is our duty as ministers of the Gospel of Christ to condemn evil, wherever it appears, and the kind of behaviour that I have described, and much else besides, leaves me in no doubt that we are dealing with a very real manifesta-tion of the power of evil. Perhaps their attempts to make people believe they are a respectable poli-tical party are based on the Nazi principle that the bigger the lie the more likely people are to believe it.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY NAYLOR,
Parish Church of St John the Baptist,
59 Southend Lane, SE6.
February 23.

The harassment of Mrs Gandhi

From the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zambia

Sir, After her defeat in the last Indian general elections, there were distressing reports of harassment of Mrs Indira Gandhi by the new Government and its supporters. I was even thinking of writing to ex-press my regret that India, which is widely regarded as a great democracy, should set such a bad example by ill treating a defeated leader. I am glad, however, that the humble Indian voter has spoken for me—loudly, judging by the way Mrs Gandhi's new splinter party is coming up in state elections. They have truly redeemed her, and themselves. Ingratitude is fatal; it killed Julius Caesar.

During the London receptions held in honour of Commonwealth leaders last summer, it was inter-esting to see the happy and digni-fied faces of former British premiers—Macmillan, Home, Wilson and Heath—in the company of the present leaders, Callaghan and Mrs Margaret Thatcher. We, Afro-Asians who condemn colonialism (I am one of the most vocal in this respect) should aim at even higher standards of political morality than those of the colonialists.

Though no one is above law, pre-liminary investigations should be carried out before legal steps. Should there always be a rush to get an ex-premier, leaders will pre-fer to die than bow to the will of the people. Mrs Gandhi is one of the greatest leaders by any stan-dards and her 11 years as leader of the Indian Congress and in office as premier of one of the most popu-lous countries is a clear testimony of this. This is not a leader (and a woman at that) to harass.

I met Mr Moraji Desai at the London Commonwealth Conference. He is an equally great person and is my real idol. According to a village proverb, "What your friend has undergone, may be your lot next time". I would hate to see Mr Desai humiliated and harassed when he ceases to be premier! Certainly, I would not like to be treated like that for no good reasons.

Yours truly,
M. MAINZA CHONA
Office of the Prime Minister,
P.O. Box 208,
Lusaka,
Zambia.

Fighting in the Ogaden

From the Ambassador of the Somali Democratic Republic

Sir, Regarding the front page report in The Times of this morning (March 6) on developments in the Horn of Africa, I am surprised that your diplomatic correspondent should have gone out of his way to give unwarranted credibility to the Ethiopian Embassy in London by stating: "The Ethiopian Embassy (whose information has proved cor-rect in the past about this sector of the war) added that. . .". Your correspondent surely ought to know that this is not true.

It is indisputable that the Ethi-opian Embassy is in the habit of managing news relating to the area of conflict in the interest of its coun-try and that it has in the past often put out incorrect information. Remember the insistence of the Ethiopian Chargé d'Affaires at his press conference of September 12, 1977, that Jigjiga was in Ethiopian hands when in actual fact it had fallen to the Liberation Front on August 31, 1977? Remember also the recent statement of the Ethiopian Ambassador that while his country received generous military aid from the Russians and other Warsaw Pact countries, no foreign troops were fighting alongside her forces in the Ogaden—a statement superseded by the admission of Colonel Mengistu last week that Cuban troops were in fact fighting for Ethiopia?

In this conflict which is characterised by claims and counter-claims it is to be hoped that the point of this letter will be self-evident.

Yours faithfully,
AHMED MOHAMED ADAN,
Ambassador,
The Embassy of the Somali Democratic Republic,
60 Portland Place, W1.

Conventional morality

From the Headmaster of Denstone College

Sir, It is not Professor Hanson (Feb-ruary 18) who is emptying our churches, but those like the Master of Emmanuel (letter, March 1) who insist upon equating our experience of the love of God with the observ-ance of a moral code.

No doubt the Master and I uphold very similar views about social behaviour, but we do the young a great disservice if we lead them to believe that God's inexpressible love can be reduced to, or confined within, the terms of man-made moral conventions. To affirm this is not, as the Master suggests, to invite licence, disorder and ignor-ance.

Yours faithfully,
D. MALAND,
Denstone College,
Uttoxeter,
Staffordshire.

Assessing Dornford Yates

From Mr Christopher Bond

Sir, May I second Mr Goldsmith's spirited defence of Dornford Yates and the original She Fell Among Thieves (March 4). As he rightly says the BBC version wasn't Yates's story. I believe Dornford Yates resolutely refused all offers of film rights during his lifetime, and one can understand why.

It was Bernard Shaw who said "I am quite familiar with the fact that every fool who is connected with a theatre, from the call boy to the manager, thinks he knows better than an author how to make a play popular and successful."

Television is a technical marvel which can bring the theatre into our homes, but the human beings who run it haven't changed.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BOND,
Savage Club,
9 Fitzmaurice Place,
Berkeley Square, W1
March 5

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 7: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), today visited the 1st Battalion at Hythe and Lydd, Kent, and was received upon arrival by the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel I. Nason).

This afternoon, The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Intelligence Corps, visited the Headquarters Intelligence Centre, Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent. His Royal Highness was received by the Colonel Commandant (Major-General J. M. Gow).

The Duke of Edinburgh travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and Captain Charles Wiggin was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales left Gatwick Airport, London, this evening in an aircraft of British Caledonian Airways for Brazil and Venezuela.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lord Rupert Nevill at the Memorial Service for Mr Harry Banks, which was held at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, today.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 7: Brigadier the Lord Grimthorpe today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment.

Major-General S. M. O'H. Abraham also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Colonel of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's).

The Hon Mrs John Mulholland has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

YORK HOUSE

March 7: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, today visited Finchale Training College in Durham and subsequently opened the modernized shipyard of Austin and Pickersgill at Southwick, Sunderland.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

Mrs Rowland Rank much regrets being unable to attend the funeral of Miss G. M. V. Dodson.

Birthdays today

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, 78; Sir James Bowman, 80; Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Hay, 89; Sir Geoffrey Meade, 76; Sir Christopher Summerhayes, 82; Mr J. S. Tomkinson, 62; Mr Norman Tremellen, 83.

Memorial service at Runnymede

British and Commonwealth airmen who died on operations from the United Kingdom and northern Europe during the Second World War and who have no known graves will be remembered at the annual commemorative service at Runnymede memorial at 11 am on May 7.

Relatives of airmen whose names are engraved on the memorial should apply for a copy of the Order of Ceremony by April 21, to the Ministry of Defence (S4c (Air)), Room 5/80, Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BL. The order will serve as a ticket and ensure priority of admission.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Justice J. G. K. Sheldon has been appointed a bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. R. T. Barclay and Miss M. L. Warr

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr C. F. R. Barclay, of London, SW10, and Mrs John Denman, of Brighton, Sussex, and Mary-Louise, daughter of Mr Peter Warr, of Usk, South Wales, and Mrs R. W. Turner, of Red Wharf Bay, Anglesey.

Mr T. B. Clarke and Miss A. E. Bullard

The engagement is announced between Thurston, only son of the late Edwin Thurston Clarke and Mrs Esmond Gardner, of New York, and Antonia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Bullard, of the British Embassy, Bonn. The marriage will take place in Oxford on June 3.

The Right Rev J. H. Cruse and Miss V. M. Briscoe

The engagement is announced between Bishop Howard Cruse, of Harrogate, and Violet Briscoe, of Cranleigh. The marriage will take place quietly in July.

Mr M. Helft and Miss R. Rawnsley

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Gunter and Diane Helft, of Doncaster, and Ruth, youngest daughter of Sylvia Rawnsley, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire.

Dr P. Sadigh and Miss S. E. Inglefield

The marriage arranged between Pirouz, youngest son of Dr Parviz Sadigh and the late Mrs Sadra Sadigh, of Babolsar, Iran, and Susan Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Wing Commander Lionel Inglefield and of Mrs Audrey Inglefield, of Neville Street, London, will take place on April 1 in Kensington.

Mr S. C. Smyth-Tyrrell and Miss B. K. Cavendish

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Brinsley Smyth-Tyrrell, of Bonnetts, Capel, Surrey, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Cavendish, of Merrivale, Constantine, Falmouth, Cornwall.

Mr W. Spink and Miss P. Langton

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paul Spink, of Thornton Hall, Ulceby, South Humberside, and Priscilla, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Langton, of Langton by Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

Mr P. I. Tuckett and Miss S. E. Brodie-Smith

The engagement is announced from Sydney, between Philip Ivor, elder son of Mrs L. C. Tuckett and the late Mr Cedric Tuckett, MBE, FRCS, of Yardley Gables, Tonbridge, and Sonia Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr R. Geoffrey Smith and stepdaughter of Mrs R. Geoffrey Smith, of Sutton Hall, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Today's engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens rebuilt headquarters of Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Parliament Square, 3.

Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attends reception by trustees of British Academy of Film and Television Arts, for Sir Run Run Shaw, 195 Piccadilly, 6.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Chancellor of London University, presides at degree ceremony, Albert Hall, 2; attends presentation day service, Westminster Abbey, 5.40.

Exhibition: Enzo Plazzotta: a retrospective exhibition of sculpture including a series of studies of Red Rum, Wildenstein, 147 New Bond Street, 10-5.30.

Lunchtime music: Richard Fallas (violin) and Neville Eason (piano), St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05; Live on Radio 3, songs by Brahms, Haydn Quartet in D Minor, Op 76 No 2, Concert Hall, Broadcasting House, 1.05.

Talks: The Healing of Wounds, Professor D. Sloane, Gresham College, Northampton Square, 1; Wellington Harbour, World Ship Society, Rosebery Association Club, Amwell Street, 7.

Walk: Ghosts of the City, meet St Paul's station, 7.30.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, March 6, 1953

When everything has been written about Stalin's work there remains the mystery of the man himself. What were the gifts, what were the qualities of mind, that brought the cobbler's son, born in a small Georgian town, to a seat of power far greater and far more absolute than any possessed by the Tsars? No man of modern times has so changed the balance of force in the world. Within a few years he brought Russia forth in industrial and military strength, a challenge to the world, as though a new continent had emerged from the sea. He held sway over half the Eurasian continent, holding the peoples of the Soviet Union and the satellite states in absolute dominion and having powers of yea or nay in the policies of his newly arisen ally, Communist China. Since the Second World War civil strife in many lands has begun or stopped at his word, and at times of crisis between the powers the whole world has watched and waited, knowing that with him, more than with any other man, lay the decision whether nations were to be engulfed in the most ruinous and terrible of wars. . . . It was after Lenin's death and after Stalin was confirmed as secretary general that the character of the man began to appear openly. The struggle for absolute supremacy showed his instinctive agility, his gift for manoeuvres and, when the time came, his utter ruthlessness.



Mr Stanley Segal, principal of Ravenswood Village, a school for handicapped children in Berkshire, showing pupils the insignia of an OBE he received from the Queen yesterday.

Luncheons

Ministry of Defence

Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron and the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff were hosts at a luncheon given at Admiralty House yesterday in honour of General Felipe Galarza Sanchez, Chairman of the Spanish Chiefs of Staff Committee. Among those present were:

The Spanish Ambassador, Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, General Sir Roland Gibbs, Air Marshal Sir Peter Terry, Señor Don Pedro Ortiz-Armengol, Captain O. Aranda, Lieutenant-Colonel E. Alonso, Sir Antony Duff, Sir Clifford Cornford, Vice-Admiral R. W. Halliday, Mr J. D. Bryars and Brigadier J. L. Chapple.

Gunmakers' Company

The Lord Mayor, Master of the Gunmakers' Company, was entertained at luncheon at Proof House yesterday by the Hon R. B. Beaumont, Deputy Master, and the other members of the court. The Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company and the Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators were also present.

Women's Advertising Club of London

The guest speakers at a luncheon of the Women's Advertising Club of London held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday, were Mr Richard Holme, director of the Committee for Electoral Reform, Miss Katherine Whitehorn and Mr Jeremy Bullmore. Mrs K. Michael, president of the club, was in the chair.

Dinners

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

The annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held at Grosvenor House last night. Mr Frank Knowles, president, was in the chair, and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects and Mr A. H. P. Gillett. Other guests included:

The Ambassador of The Netherlands, the Acting High Commissioner for Nigeria, Lord Greenwood of Rossendale, Lord Hunt, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, the Chairman of the GLC and the President of the Lands Tribunal.

Old Felstedian Society

The annual dinner of the Old Felstedian Society was held at the HAC, Armoury House last night. Sir Arthur Noble, president, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Professor R. H. MacMillan. Mr A. F. Eggleston, Headmaster of Felsted School, and members of the board of governors were also present.

Parliamentary Anglo-Botswana Group

Mr Maurice Orbach, MP, president of the Parliamentary Anglo-Botswana Group, presided over a dinner given in the House of Commons last night for Miss E. Emery, former British High Commissioner in Botswana. Among those present were:

Baroness White, Lord Garner, Lord Alport, Lord Redcliffe-Maud, Sir George Sinclair, MP, Mr Adam Hunter, MP, Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, Mr Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, MP, Mr Kenneth Lomas, MP, Mr Roy Hughes, MP, Mr Eric Ogden, MP, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, MP.

Reception

Clayesmore School

The council of Clayesmore School and the headmaster, Mr Roy McIsaac, held a reception yesterday, on the occasion of the tenth Clayesmore Lecture, delivered by Lord George-Brown. Among those present were:

The Bishop of Salisbury and Dr Alix Reindorp, Sir John and Lady Colfox, Meriel Lady Salt, General Sir Richard and Lady Goodbody, the chairman of Dorset County Council and Mrs Scott, Mr and Mrs J. P. Brooke-Little, the chairman of Dorset Education Committee and the deputy chairman of the Governing Bodies Association.

University news

Oxford

ST HUGH'S COLLEGE: H. C. G. Matthew, MA, DPhil, has been elected to a tutorial fellowship in modern history, from October 1.

St Andrews

Professor R. McL. Wilson, MA, BD(Edin), PhD(Cantab), holder of a personal chair in the department of New Testament language and literature, St Mary's College, has been appointed to the chair of biblical criticism.

Edinburgh

Dr M. M. Yeoman, MSc, PhD (Duhelm), reader in botany, Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the Regius Chair of Botany.

Newcastle

Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following on May 12:

DCL: Mr G. S. Bosworth, Director of Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, 1969-1977.
DCh: Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, Medical Director-General (Royal Navy), 1972-1977.
DSc: Dr A. W. Johnson, FRS, president, the Chemical Society.
DLitt: Professor H. R. Trevor-Roper, regius professor of modern history, Oxford University.
MA: Mr Sidney Chaplin, writer; Mr Lionel Robinson, bookseller and librarian.

Birmingham

Professor David Thomas, MA (Wales), PhD(Lond), has been appointed to the chair and headship of the department of geography.

Grants

From the Medical Research Council, £16,968 to Dr S. P. Spragg for light scattering study of the association of light density lipoproteins; £29,094 to Professor H. Smith for study of gonococcal products associated with growth in vivo that determine immunity in guinea pigs and resistance to human serum.

From the endowment fund medical research committee of the Central Birmingham Health District, £15,846 to Professor H. C. McLaren and Dr G. R. B. Skinner for study of the local antibody response of cultured human cervix to herpes simplex virus antigens.

From the Department of Health and Social Security, £109,100 (supplement) to Professor E. G. Knox, health services research centre.

Wales

The department of sociology at University College, Cardiff, is introducing in October, a new MSc Econ course in methods and applications of social research.

Service reunion

10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles

The regimental association of 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles held its annual reunion on Saturday at the Royal Over-Seas League.

Church news

Latest appointments:

The Rev E. W. Newman, Missions to Seamen Chaplain at Newport, Gwent, diocese of Monmouth, to be Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen Station and Institute at South Shields, diocese of Durham.

Diocese of Winchester

The Rev D. J. Shearlock, Vicar of Romsey and diocesan director of ordinands, to be honorary canon of Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev B. L. Strovens, curate of St Peter's, Bolton, diocese of Manchester, to be organizing secretary, Southampton Council of Community Services.

Church in Wales

The Rev R. W. Thomas, Vicar of Saints Julius and Aaron, Newport, Gwent diocese of Monmouth, to be Vicar of Monkton with Hundleton, Pembroke, diocese of St Davids.

Diocese of Monmouth

The Rev L. J. Harries, Vicar of St George's, Tredegar, to be also Rural Dean of Bedwellty.

The Rev R. G. Rackett, curate in the parish of Bassaleg, to be Rector of Blaenavon.

Episcopal Church in Scotland

The Rev H. K. Trudgill, curate of St Margaret's, Newlands, diocese of Glasgow, to be Rector of St Cyprian's, Lenzie.

£29,487 bid for Tabriz carpet in Los Angeles

By Huon Mallalieu

Sotheby Parke Bernet began a week of sales in Los Angeles on Monday with carpets and English, American and late oriental furniture, making a total for the day of £254,467 or $496,210. The most important of the carpets was a nineteenth-century Tabriz carpet depicting in diagrammatic form the various architectural features of Persepolis during the Achaemenid period. The weaver had obviously studied the ruins closely and reproduced many of the colours of the brick and stone. The carpet went to a Los Angeles dealer for £29,487, or $57,500.

In the furniture section a set of 10 George III giltwood shieldback chairs, formerly in the collection of Lord Kemsley, were sold for £8,205, or $16,000.

In London yesterday Sotheby's held their first sale to combine Chinese jades with furniture and textiles, producing a total of £174,470 with 8.65 per cent bought in. The market in jades showed an emphasis on quality, few important lots failing to find buyers. A white jade vase and cover decorated with foliage and dragons, dating from the eighteenth century and nine inches high, was sold to W. Clayton, a London dealer, for £4,800 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

Christie's sold English, foreign and ancient coins to a total of £60,019, with 1 per cent failing to reach its reserves. There was much Spanish interest in the sale, but the highest price, £10,500, was paid by Bord, a London dealer, for a Madrid Regency 5 pesetas of 1869, of which only 100 were minted (estimate £1,800 to £2,000).

Christie's also held a sale of minor English watercolours, which made a total of £18,459.

At Phillips' sale of furniture brought £41,640, with 4 per cent bought in. A mid-eighteenth-century Dutch walnut china cabinet was bought by Stodel for £3,000 (estimate £2,000). A sale of antique and modern jewelry at Phillips made £56,453, with 3 per cent failing to sell.

In a sale of silver at Bonham's an Australian silver and cut-glass centrepiece of about 1880, decorated with aborigines, wallabies and boomerangs, was sold to Rosti for £800.

Commons defeat Lords at bridge

The annual bridge match between the House of Commons and the House of Lords, played in London, ended in a convincing win for the Commons by 12,780 against 8,740 (our Bridge Correspondent writes). The scores were even for most of the morning but the Commons drew steadily ahead in the afternoon session. The teams were:—

Commons: Sir Timothy Kitson, MP (captain), Mr Anthony Berry, MP, Mr Timothy Sainsbury, MP, Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, MP, Mr Harold Lever, MP, and Sir Harwood Harrison, MP. Lords: Lord Glenkinglas (captain), the Duke of Atholl, Lord Paget of Northampton, Lord Grimthorpe, Lord Strathcarron, Lord Birkenhead, and the Duke of Marlborough.

The Commons have now won three matches out of four. A cheque was presented by the organizers of the event to the Olympic Association.

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Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Justice Slynn to be president of the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Mr Michael Antrobus to be resident conductor and and secretary of the Black Dyke Mills band.

Mr Herbert Dummico, secretary and warden of the Robert Browning Settlement, to be a deputy lieutenant for Essex.

Latest wills

Miss Emmeline Mary Webster Pirret, of Ventnor, left £122,033 net. After specific bequests she left half the residue to the British Red Cross Society.

Other estates include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed):

Beresford-Jones, Mr Edward Paul, of Sudbury, Suffolk ... £111,084

Broughton, Mr William Eric, of Barnby-in-the-Willows ... £145,824

Prior, Mr Reginald John, of Burnham-on-Crouch, boat builder ... £109,510

Memorial meeting

A memorial meeting for Mr Leo Genn was held at the Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, yesterday. Sir Alec Guinness and Judge King-Hamilton, QC, were the speakers.

Science report

Space: Inter-universe trips in doubt

The astronomers' concept of a black hole in space is strange enough, but the suggestion that under certain conditions black holes could provide passageways to other universes is even more incredible. That idea has now been firmly rejected by Dr N. D. Birrell and Dr P. C. W. Davies, of King's College London, who have shown that the models of black holes that contain space bridges to other universes are not realistic.

Scientists believe that black holes are formed when certain stars of very large mass collapse. The gravitational attraction of such objects would be so high that not even light could escape and anything falling into the black hole would be smashed out of existence at its centre. Some observations made by astronomers are consistent with the concept of black holes, and although that does not prove their existence they are certainly being considered seriously.

If a black hole is created, then it will most likely be rotating and may carry an electric charge. In that situation the conditions inside the black hole become more complicated. It turns out that the geometry of space-time inside a rotating black hole is such that a connexion is created with another universe. An object falling into a rotating black hole would not necessarily be crushed out of existence but might escape along a space bridge linking a black hole in our universe to a white hole in another universe.

There have been speculations about space travel based on those ideas, although it should be noted that the theory does not allow a connexion between a black hole and a white hole both in our own universe. Luckily, those speculations have not been taken seriously, as we know that the predicted space bridges cannot exist.

The geometry of space-time inside a rotating black hole was calculated under idealized conditions; otherwise the equations cannot be solved. One fact that was neglected was the presence of material in the universe, and it has been shown that matter falling into the black hole might smash the internal geometry and destroy the space bridge. But the scientists had to guess how material behaves inside a black hole, and they may have guessed wrong; the presence of matter in the universe does not conclusively destroy the idea of a space bridge inside a black hole.

Dr Birrell and Dr Davies have noted that the idealized solutions do not take account of the effects of quantum theory governing the interaction of matter and radiation. They have calculated the quantum effects without making any unacceptable assumptions and show that the idealized interior geometry of the black holes would be smashed. The space bridges just do not exist.

If we are ever visited by beings from outer space we have the small consolation of being certain that they come from our own universe.

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OBITUARY

MICHEÁL Mac LIAMMÓIR

Doyen of the Dublin stage



Micheál Mac Liammóir, the Irish actor, author, director and designer, died on March 6. He was 78.

No one on the Dublin stage of the past half century had been more conspicuous. Creatively volatile and relishing talk—there the Irish counterpart of Compton Mackenzie—he spent his life in the service of the theatre. Once he remembered how a Galway landlady, expressing it to the last silky vowel, had told him of a piano tuner's "gorgeous shower of fingers". Mac Liammóir's life was a gorgeous shower of surprises; ready for stage adventure, he acted classical parts by the score—Hamlet, Romeo, Othello and Iago, Goethe's Faust, Ibsen's Brand—travelled the world, described in Gaelic and English his work and his journeys, and to the end, even when his eyesight had failed, was actively engaged. His last book, *Enter A Goldfish* (1977) mixed autobiography and fiction.

In Dublin where he was a loved figure—in 1973 he became a Freeman of the City and received an honorary degree from Trinity College—he leaves his memorial in the Gate Theatre, established in 1928 with Hilton Edwards, his lifelong companion; there he was involved with 300 productions. He was familiar, too, on the London stage, especially in one-man performances where he talked through the evening in a voice like fine claret.

He never quite lost, in tone or aspect, his early romantic fervour. The autobiographical books, particularly *All For Hecuba*, do more justice to him than his plays (such as *Ill Met By Moonlight*) which could be blurred.

Born at Cork, on October 25, 1899, he was a child actor, making a London debut, as Alfred Willmore, in 1911 in a play called *The Goldfish*. Noel Coward, aged 10, was Prince Mussel. Thence he went to Herbert Tree at His Majesty's (Young MacDuff, Oliver Twist) and also to revivals of Peter Pan. Wanting to be a painter he studied at the Slade and lived abroad. Returning to Ireland, he joined (1927) the touring Shakespeare company of his brother in law, Anew McMaster, directed at the Galway Gaelic Theatre (1928); and then began his Dublin half century.

From the record of a life of myriad parts we can select: Hamlet (London, 1935); a suavely chill Brack in the Hammersmith *Hedda Gabler* of 1954; the superb de Molina of *The Hidden King* (Edinburgh, 1957); and the renowned one-man entertainments. These were *The Importance of Being Oscar* (1960), taking Wilde from Bunthorne days to the last dying crackle of wit; and *I Must Be Talking To My Friends* (1963), a biography of Ireland from the Saints and Scholars to the modern world.

He was Iago in the Orson Welles film of *Othello* (1949).

THE REV PROFESSOR JOHN BURNABY

The Rev Professor John Burnaby, who died on March 6 at the age of 86, had been a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, since 1915 and was Regius Professor of Divinity from 1952 until his retirement in 1958.

He was a theologian of distinction, an Augustinian not only in the sense that he was an authority of the first rank upon the writings of the great African doctor of the Church but also in the extent of his personal indebtedness to him. Originally a classical scholar, then a college administrator, he became a theologian comparatively late in life.

Burnaby was born on July 28, 1891, the second son of the Rev J. C. W. Burnaby. (His elder brother, Hugh, who became Dean of Emmanuel College and was also a theologian of note, died in 1956. His younger brother, Geoffrey, died of wounds in 1916.) From Haileybury he went up to Trinity in 1910 where he gained first class honours in both parts of the Classical Tripos, with the Chancellor's Classical Medal, and also held a Craven Scholarship. The First World War interrupted his course. He was elected a Fellow of Trinity in 1915 while serving in Gallipoli. When he returned to Cambridge in 1919 he became Junior Dean. At that time the college was overstaffed with classical scholars, and it was necessary for him to turn to college administration. In 1921 he became Praelector, Junior Bursar, and Steward. The last-named post entailed looking after the kitchens which he did not much enjoy, though he continued until 1930. In the following year he was also able to relinquish the Junior Bursarship. Although notably efficient, he was probably less happy with buildings and staffing problems than with undergraduates, and it was a welcome change to him when in 1931 he became a Tutor and in 1938, for seven anxious years, Senior Tutor.

Meanwhile his latest theological interests were developing. In 1938 he delivered the Hulsean Lectures, subsequently published under the title *Amor Dei: a Study i nthe Religion of Saint Augustine*. Although the paucity of the attendance at the lectures was discouraging, it is unlikely that a more distinguished course of lectures has ever been given on John Hulse's foundation, and the publication of the book immediately disclosed the author to be a brilliant interpreter and critic of the mind of Augustine and a meticulous scholar of the first rank. The book also marked a change of direction in his life. In 1939 he became College lecturer in theology on the resignation of F. R. Tennant. He was ordained in 1941, and in 1943 succeeded H. F. Stewart as Dean of Chapel. At the end of the war he was appointed University Lecturer in Divinity, specialising in the early history of Christian doctrine and in 1952 followed A. M. Ramsey, later Archbishop of Canterbury and now Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, as Regius Professor of Divinity. No election could have been more congenial to his colleagues, and his leadership of the Faculty of Divinity won confidence on all sides.

Besides his fine monograph on Augustine he also published learned articles in the *Journal of Theological Studies* and elsewhere, smaller and more popular books such as *Is the Bible Inspired?* (1949), *Christian Words and Christian Meanings* (1955), *The Belief of Christendom*, and a commentary on the *Nicene Creed* (1959). He contributed an important essay on the theology of prayer to the controversial volume *Soundings* (1962) and produced an excellent translation of some *Later Works of Saint Augustine* (1955). He was one of the few English theologians possessing a working knowledge of Russian. His style in lecturing was lucid and precise; and all his theological writing is marked by clarity, deep insight, and a conviction that the "simple" things of life are the most complex. He was also a very good preacher in a college chapel.

Burnaby was a man of many parts. His administrative experience made him invaluable not only to his college but to many university bodies such as the General Board, the Faculty Board of Divinity, and the Board of the Ordinary BA Degree over which he long presided as Deputy for the Vice-Chancellor. He had a wide knowledge of music, and was chairman for 15 years of the Faculty Board of Music, during the period when the tripos was invented.

He was essentially a college man, and lived a very full life in Trinity. He was also an accomplished actor (an ability shared by other members of his family), and for many years collaborated with Sir John Sheppard in the production of the Greek play. Almost every year he organized some short play or operetta for the Trinity May Week concert, and more often than not acted in it himself with distinction. His many other accomplishments included singing, folk-dancing, rock-climbing and reading Russian.

His pungent humour was terse and penetrating, and this, combined with his outwardly melancholy expression, to give him something of a Grock-like quality. To those who did not know him well a certain shyness made him seem sombre and forbidding, and this diffidence tended to lessen the influence he might have exercised as a tutor and theological teacher. To work on easy going terms with other people was not always easy for him; and his characteristically abdupt, jerky sentences could make him appear austerely remote and sometimes, if he felt deeply about a point, even alarming. This reserve may well have kept him in ignorance of the very deep respect and affection which his friends and colleagues felt towards him and of the value which they set on his grace, wisdom and understanding.

In 1922 he married Mrs Dorothy Helen Newton, widow of Captain W. Newton and daughter of the Rev J. B. Lock. They had two sons (of whom one survives) and a daughter. His wife died in 1971.

LT-COL DAVID PRICE-WHITE

Lieutenant-Colonel David Price-White, TD, who was Conservative MP for Caernarvon Boroughs from 1945 to 1950, has died at the age of 71. Educated at Friars School and the University College of North Wales, he practised as a solicitor in Bangor in the years before the Second World War. He had joined the Territorial Army (Royal Artillery) in 1928 and during hostilities served in France with the BEF and thereafter in the Middle East and Italy. He was awarded the TD in 1945.

Major-General Joseph Montagu Sabine Pasley, CB, CBE, MVO, Commander of the First Anti-Aircraft Group 1949-52, died on February 24.

LORD ST JOHN OF BLETSO

Lord St John of Bletso, 20th Baron, died in Cape Town on February 11 at the age of 59. He was born in 1918 the son of Lieutenant-Colonel Hon Rowland Tudor St John, who was 3rd son of the 16th Baron. He was educated at Wellington College and joined the Bank of England in 1937. He served with the Indian Army during the Second World War and commanded the Tower Hamlets Regiment (TA) from 1951 to 1954. He emigrated to South Africa in 1957. He succeeded his cousin in 1976.

He married, in 1955, Katharine von Berg. They had one son, the Hon Anthony Tudor St John who is the heir.

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...igures for bank deposits point to low trend in money growth

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Ironically, however, the banks have in effect been encouraged to inflate their interest-bearing eligible liabilities which form the basis for "corset" controls, by developments in the money markets over recent weeks.

With a strong flow of tax revenue, the authorities have taken large amounts of Treasury bills out of the market, forcing the banks to do precisely what they wanted to do anyway, namely, to switch funds out of the interbank market into call money with the discount houses, where it both counts as a reserve asset and provides a means of inflating libels.

Even so, the rundown in Treasury bills has still been enough to exert a considerable squeeze on the banks' reserve asset ratios. For the banking system as a whole, the ratio fell from 14.8 to 14 per cent last month, while for the clearing banks the ratio fell from 13.6 to an unprecedented 12.9 per cent. Lloyds, at 12.6 per cent,

BANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom Banks released by the Bank of England today:

At mid-month	Eligible liabilities £m	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reserve assets ratio
1977			
Jan	38,147	−5.1	14.4
Feb	34,834	−23.7	13.8
March	34,977	−19.1	13.9
April	35,843	−3.3	14.2
May	35,824	+11.9	14.0
June	36,279	+15.7	14.0
July	37,094	+14.6	14.0
Aug	37,691	+22.5	14.5
Sept	38,793	+30.8	14.5
Oct	39,705	+31.4	14.5
Nov	40,196	+29.6	15.1
Dec	40,833	+22.9	14.8
1978			
Jan	41,632	+20.9	14.8
Feb	42,224	+21.6	14.9

Companies named for options market

By Bryan Appleyard

The Stock Exchange has written to the 10 companies whose shares have been chosen to be dealt in on the new traded options market due to open next month.

They are BP, Shell, Grand Metropolitan, Land Securities, Marks & Spencer, GEC, ICI, GKN, Consolidated Gold Fields and one other, believed to be Courtaulds.

No announcement will be made until the companies have returned their comments to the Stock Exchange.

To qualify, the companies had to have large capitalizations and widely held shares with a two-year record of a free and active market. No more than 10 per cent of their total equity will be allowed to be covered by open option positions at any one time.

The stocks will be allocated on the basis of two each to the five main jobbers.

Starting date for the market is still in the balance. The original target of April 3 is beginning to look unattainable in the light of the number of outstanding details to be settled.

One is the question of commission, which will probably be related to the premium paid on the options—the actual money changing hands—and is likely to be rather higher than the equivalent rate on traditional equity transactions.

In addition, accountants Deloitte are still in the process of preparing the Stock Exchange's case for presentation to the Inland Revenue, arguing against the present taxation of options. This treats them as wasting assets and leaves investors open to the possibility of paying tax on a loss.

It is widely believed this may discourage private investor participation in the market, but there is little optimism about the authorities' response to the appeal.

The Amsterdam-based European Options Exchange starts trading on April 4 with options on the shares of nine companies three Dutch, three American and three British—BP, ICI and GEC.

Decisions for City on securities body

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke
Financial Editor

Representatives of nine leading City organizations and the Confederation of British Industry will go to the Bank of England today to say whether they accept proposals for setting up a new authority to regulate the securities industry.

They are expected to agree in principle with ideas formulated over the past year by a special committee headed by Sir Jasper Hollom, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.

Broadly these are that the new Council for the Securities Industry, which would have no legal powers but which would be backed by the authority of the Bank of England, will exercise a self-regulatory role over the whole securities industry.

The Takeover Panel will continue to regulate the takeover and merger area but will come under the umbrella of the CSI; the Stock Exchange quotations committee would continue to carry out its regulatory function but would have to accept that the CSI would take an overriding stance and would make recommendations for improvements or changes in regulatory procedures.

The nine City bodies who have been asked to give their views on the Bank's proposals are the merchant banks; the Stock Exchange; the issuing houses; the investment trusts; the British Insurance Association; the accountancy bodies; the clearing banks; the pension funds and the unit trusts. Together with CBI these are seen to be wholly representative of interests in the securities industry.

The idea is that the council should have 19 members, of which three would be lay members. Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England will apparently nominate the chairman and deputy chairman of the CSI, though this will not happen until all the bodies concerned have agreed with the proposals and any revisions which have to be made.

A full public statement about the structure of the new body is likely to be made by the Bank before the end of this month, by which time the search for its first chairman should be well underway if

The CSI is the outcome of an initiative by Mr Dell, Trade Secretary, and Mr Richardson in late 1976 and the acceptance by Mr Dell that the financial community should continue with its policy of self-regulation. The alternative would have been a body with statutory powers similar in concept to the American Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr David Macdonald, director-general of the Takeover Panel and Mr Jeffrey Knight, deputy chief executive of the Stock Exchange, prepared a working paper early last year suggesting that the new body should concentrate on the securities industry, at least at first.

This was despite counter proposals from various people, including Lord Shawcross, chairman of the Takeover Panel, that any new authority should have wide powers over the financial sector and not simply confine itself to securities markets.

Striking it rich on a Dorset farm

Wytch Farm is part of the heathlands that roll down to the western end of Poole harbour in Dorset. It is an area known to ornithologists as the haunt of the rare Dartford Warbler and by tourists visiting the ruins of Corfe Castle.

But over the past few years the British Gas Corporation, working in partnership with British Petroleum, has found oil under the farmland. And now it appears there is considerably more oil in the district than any of the experts had previously imagined.

Oilfields in the British countryside are nothing new. BP has developed a number of reservoirs in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and at Kimmeridge in Dorset not far from Wytch Farm. But cumulative production has never gone much above 2,000 barrels a day, certainly not enough to have any impact on the economy.

British Gas and BP moved in to the area in the early 1970s and by 1975 had established that the Wytch Farm discovery was capable of producing about 4,000 barrels a day.

This was twice the production for all the other onshore fields put together, but insignificant compared with the 400,000 barrels a day Forties field that BP was then putting in to production in the North Sea.

Just before last Christmas the company's view of Wytch Farm changed drastically. Mr Tom Bloxham, a former Shell man and now BGC's production superviser, said work on one of the wells that will get oil flowing next summer had reached the known reservoir at between 3,000 and 4,000 feet. It was then decided to drill even deeper and at 5,000 feet another rich oilbearing zone was encountered.

According to an unofficial estimate the new producing zone will enable Wytch Farm to produce up to 10,000 barrels a day. BGC, the operator for the field, and renowned for its cautious statements in these circumstances, will not confirm the figures but adds significantly that the "reserves may be comparable to the smaller North Sea oilfields".

Yesterday Dr John Cunningham, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, visited the site for the first time. He said that returns from the field should be considerable, a statement that tends to confirm oil industry suspicions that the field is going to come within the Petroleum Revenue Tax net.

British Gas expects to spend £10m on 13 production and water injection wells, a small gathering centre, and an eight-inch pipeline to railway sidings three and a quarter miles away at Furzebrook, from where the oil will be taken by train to South Wales for refining.

Doubling the capacity of the field could take place with very little additional investment—giving BGC and BP production costs of around a dollar a barrel for oil that will sell for more than $14 a barrel.

Roger Vielvoye

Council deals may be liable to pay sanctions

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

An extension of the Government's discretionary reprisals against companies which exceed the 10 per cent pay guideline to local authority contractors is now under consideration.

So far the Government has been able to blacklist companies only in respect of contracts with government departments, directly negotiated.

But it would easily be possible for ministers to extend the ban indirectly by indicating to local councils that they cannot expect to get loan approvals unless accepted tenders include the same kind of undertakings by the contractor as those being required on government contracts.

Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Melton, who led the Conservative protests against the Government's original black list, said last night that the questions he had put to Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, had been designed to get a clear statement of intent from the Government.

Mr Latham yesterday asked whether Mr Shore would give an assurance that he had no plans to seek to alter unilaterally the standard form of building contract, whether for National Health Service work or local authority work.

In a written reply, Mr Shore said that the Government had no plans to alter the standard form other than to incorporate the new additional clause [relating to the firm or its subcontractors having kept to the pay guidelines] in the conditions of contract let mainly for Health Service work.

"The question of whether local authorities should be invited to adopt the clause is under consideration", the minister said.

Mr Short said that in two weeks up to March 3 the Property Services Agency had issued 1,508 invitations to tender for constructional work containing the new contract conditions; a substantial number were being "re-invited".

It was too early for many of the tenders to have been returned, but so far 197 replies had been received, 104 accepting the new clauses.

Malcolm Brown writes: Fresh attempts to persuade the Government to amend pay pledge clauses in its contracts will be made today by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce by a delegation to Mr Healey.

Steelmen likely to seek £20,000 payments

By Peter Hill

Workers at the threatened East Moors steelworks in Cardiff are expected to lodge claims for redundancy payments of up to £20,000 if the British Steel Corporation shut down the works two years before time at the end of the year. More than 3,300 men will lose their jobs.

The works was reprieved until at least January 1980 following a review of the BSC's plant closure programme carried out by Lord Beswick three years ago when he was Minister for Industry.

The corporation, which is expected to turn in a record loss of over £500m in the financial year now nearing its end, wants to shut the works down earlier because of the worldwide steel industry recession.

Steel industry unions have agreed in principle to the closure of the works subject to satisfactory compensation payments being made by the BSC.

The corporation has already conceded enhanced payments for workers who have agreed to the premature closure of the Clyde Iron works in Scotland and others affected by the closure of a works at Hartlepool. But in those cases the amounts involved fall well short of the East Moors claim.

East Moors is the largest works to be affected by premature closure, and clearly, if agreement is reached with the corporation, the severance payments agreed will set a new target for subsequent closures.

Last night Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and chairman of the TUC Steel Industry Committee, along with other members of the committee, had talks on the claim with members of the East Moors works council.

Talks will be held today with Dr David Grieves, managing director of personnel and social policy of the BSC, and Mr Peter Allen, head of the BSC's Welsh division.

The basis of the workers' claim is a demand for severance payments equivalent to earnings between the actual closing date and January, 1981—a year beyond the earliest closure date under the Beswick plan.

It is believed that the men are also seeking further "hardship payments" as compensation for the lack of alternative jobs in the area. In some cases the compensation payments could top £20,000 in total.

However, the corporation is likely to adopt a tough line in the talks, and the workers believe the corporation might seek to begin a progressive rundown of the plant which would hit overtime and shift bonus payments.

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...mond Quigley
...profit forecast made by ...d & Elliott at the time ...year's takeover proved ...thoroughly misleading", ...vard du Cann, a Lonrho ..., told the company's ...meeting yesterday. ...g its fight against the ...bid from Johnson and ...rown, the D & E board, ...by its merchant bank ..., forecast a pre-tax ...f "approximately £5m" ...year to the end of last ...In the event it made ...7m, having just about ...even in the second half. ...n Cann said: "It is true ...recasts were thoroughly ...ing". Since the fore... ...ad been backed by the ...s management of D & E ...erchant banks "it is ...late that Lonrho should ...gal) advice". Nevertheless ...nrho was glad to have ...e acquisition of "a most ...ant asset".

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Managers attack 'too many laws'

By Rodney Cowton

Concern among managers about the impact on them of government actions, and worries about the effectiveness of the educational and training system, were reflected yesterday at Wembley in debate at the second national convention of the British Institute of Management.

Although the messages which came from the conference of about 1,000 managers were clear enough, they were also generally predictable. During the morning only a single person disturbed the unanimity of the voting on the two motions under debate.

Rather more heat was generated during the afternoon, even to the extent of a ruling by the chairman—Sir Derek Ezra—being challenged during a debate condemning the burden placed on managers by the volume of legislation in recent years.

Mr Trevor Holdsworth, deputy chairman of GKN, said it used to be held that ignorance of the law was no defence. But now ignorance of the law was quite inevitable. He did not know how small companies managed to keep up with the volume of legislation.

Too often the effects of well-intentioned legislation were different from those intended because it had not been properly thought through.

What managers sought from Government was that it should provide a constructive and positive lead, not a negative and constrictive harness.

Mr Colin Peacocke of Oxford said that managers had failed to adjust to changes brought about by the development of the education system.

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Mr Michael Edwardes, left, chairman of British Leyland, and Sir Derek Ezra, BIM chairman at yesterday's convention.

...falgar ends plan to 'Investors Chronicle'

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Although Mr Matthews said he had no immediate plans in financial publishing, it is thought that he has increasingly come to the view that he can get a similar magazine to the *Investors Chronicle* off the ground.

Despite the good terms of the deal—£1.25m for a company making profits of around £175,000 pre-tax—the *FT* is also thought to have had second thoughts on the grounds that if Trafalgar made a go of Throgmorton it could have been encouraged to move into competition with a daily financial paper.

Pension funds may come to aid of New York

From Frank Vogl

Washington, March 7.—The Carter Administration today outlined legislation that would enable the state and city pension funds of New York to buy large amounts of New York City securities in coming years. The legislation is seen as vital if the city is to avoid another financial crisis.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, the Secretary of the Treasury, warned a Senate committee today that "one simply cannot escape the conclusion that failure of the pension funds to make substantial pruchases could make it impossible for the city to obtain the financing it needs. Without aid from these funds, the city's bankruptcy would seem assured."

He said that the pension funds had to be a major participant in the city's financing and it would be unrealistic to think the city could avoid a financial crisis without the assistance of the pension funds.

The proposed legislation would assure the pension funds that their legal and tax status would be unimpaired if they devoted a large volume of the assets under their control to the purchase of city securities.

The Treasury secretary said that the city's pension funds were currently committed to purchase an aggregate of $683m (about £342m) of city securities in the fiscal year ending June 30. By that time the pension funds would have about 35 per cent of their assets invested in city securities, amounting to $3,543m.

This legislation is a key element in the Administration's plan to strengthen New York's finances. The centrepiece is a government guarantee of city securities for up to $2,000m over a maximum period of 15 years.

Continuation of short-term seasonal financing loans by the Government to New York city has been opposed by the Administration.

Mr Blumenthal said that the Administration's plans were conditional on the city accepting and implementing a four-year budget plan that by 1982 would produce a balanced budget. The plan depends upon increased purchases of city securities in coming years by the pension funds, the state and the banks.

Negotiations were now being held to secure commitments for such purchases. Should these negotiations fail, then by mid-summer New York city could once again be facing financial disaster.

The Treasury today published a detailed breakdown of the extent of city pension funds invested in securities issued by New York city and by the city's municipal assistance corporation. This illustrates the delicate position that some of the pension fund managers now face in view of their obligation to invest their assets in a prudent fashion.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 188.04+0.77
The FT index: 444.1+1.3

Rises

Anglo Am Coal	10p to 465p	Hillards	6p to 182p
Beecham Grp	8p to 593p	Lasmo	6p to 140p
Bibby J.	6p to 194p	Libanon	13p to 558p
Com Bk of Aust	7p to 195p	Midland	6p to 343p
De Beers Ind	20p to 480p	Shell Trans	7p to 497p
De Beers Dfd	11p to 322p	Welkom	23p to 302p
De La Rue	7p to 240p	Winkelhaak	21p to 746p

Falls

Assam Trd 'B'	10p to 380p	Mount Lyall	3p to 14p
Bilton Percy	5p to 164p	Nthgate Explor	5p to 247p
Fisons	10p to 347p	Oil Exploration	6p to 186p
Hoechst	7p to 443p	Record Ridgway	4p to 80p
Hunting Gibson	5p to 200p	Schroders	5p to 345p
Imp Cont Gas	5p to 310p	Thyssen-Huette	15p to 865p
Laing J.	4p to 126p	W Rand Cons	6p to 135p

Equities rallied late.
Gilt-edged securities firmed in after hours.
Dollar premium 84.75 per cent cent (effective rate 37.42 per cent).
Sterling closed at 1.9370. The effective exchange rate index was at 65.1.

Gold rose $2 an ounce to close at $186.875.
SDR-$ was 1.22706 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.634828.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,384.1 (previous 1,384.6).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.70
Austria Sch	29.75	27.75
Belgium Fr	63.25	60.25
Canada $	2.23	2.16
Denmark Kr	11.13	10.75
Finland Mkk	8.35	8.00
France Fr	9.55	9.15
Germany Dm	4.10	3.88
Greece Dr	71.50	67.50
Hongkong $	9.20	8.75
Italy Lr	1700.00	1615.00
Japan Yn	480.00	455.00
Netherlands Gld	4.37	4.14
Norway Kr	10.60	10.20
Portugal Esc	79.00	75.00
S Africa Rd	2.06	1.92
Spain Pes	160.50	153.50
Sweden Kr	9.24	8.84
Switzerland Fr	3.82	3.60
US $	1.99	1.93
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.50	35.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Selective price rises of 10 to 12 pc on the way

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Selective price increases, expected to be between 10 and 12 per cent, are planned by the British Steel Corporation. They are likely to be implemented during the next two months. Final timing and scale of the increases have not yet been agreed.

Mr Bill Richardson, BSC manager, contacts and prices, referred to the proposals at a London conference on the impact of the anti-crisis plan for the European steel industry, introduced under the direction

Although the BSC has not formally confirmed the pricing proposals, industry sources suggested that they were expecting rises of between 10 and 12 per cent. These are expected to be confined to three product groups, plates, merchant bars and bright bars.

There has been a slight improvement in demand for plate this year. The corporation's present basis price for steel plate is £182 per tonne although it also offers a £15 a tonne rebate.

The price for merchant bars is £176.50 and, as with plate, both come under the Treaty of Paris provisions and do not require approval by the Price Commission.

The BSC produces only a limited amount of bright steel bars, largely the preserve of the private sector steelmakers who can be expected to follow a BSC move. Present prices are between £280 and £290 a tonne.

Unilever profits down by 10pc

Unilever yesterday announced 1977 profits of £550.6m, 10 per cent down on the previous year but broadly in line with stock market expectations. The shares closed unchanged at 482p.

Profits were affected both by the rise in the value of the pound and the reduction in the parent company's holding in UAC of Nigeria from 60 to 40 per cent.

If both these factors were excluded, profits for the year would have been up 6 per cent on a 16 per cent sales gain.

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William Press listing restored

Dealing in the shares of William Press, the engineering and contracting company whose offices were raided by police and Inland Revenue officers on Monday, will be restored this morning at the company's request.

The share listing was suspended at 17p on Monday, also at the company's request.

Staffordshire Potteries (Holdings) Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT ON THE GROUP PROFIT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1977
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

	Six months ended 31st December 1977 £'000's	1976 £'000's
Group Turnover	5,080	4,414
Trading Profit of the Group	403	365
Interest	27	48
Net Profit Before Tax	376	317
Taxation	34	52
Net Profit After Tax	342	265
Minority Interests	6	(1)
Profit attributable to Holding Company	348	264
Dividend—Interim	56	50
To Reserves	292	214
Interim Dividend per share (net)	1.265p	1.15p
Basic Earnings per share	7.85p	6.07p
Fully diluted Earnings per share	7.77p	5.90p

NOTES:
1. Interest for the current period has been reduced by interest relief grants received.
2. Taxation comprises overseas tax and advance corporation tax on the interim dividend.
3. Minority interests reflects the acquisition by the holding company on 1st July, 1976, of 6,858 shares and on 1st July, 1977, of 782 shares in Staffordshire Potteries (Canada) Limited thus increasing the Group participation in that company to 91.04%.
4. Holders of £42,710 of Loan Stock converted into 83,182 Ordinary shares of 25p each in December, 1977, leaving £25,764 of Loan Stock still outstanding. Following on conversion of the Loan Stock the issued share capital is now 4,443,802 Ordinary shares of 25p each.

External sales for the six months ended 31st December, 1977, have increased by 15% to £5,080,000, with export sales showing a 33% increase to £1,817,000. Corresponding pre-tax profits have increased by 19% to £376,000.

The slackening in demand in the U.K. due to the general recession at retail level has been mitigated to some extent by our healthy overseas order book. Although the Board anticipates a satisfactory full year's results the current rates of exchange for the £ Sterling may lead to some pressure on profit margins.

Our capital investment programme, the major part of which is now complete, has greatly improved manufacturing efficiency and will enhance the company's ability to remain competitive in principal overseas markets. The full benefit of increased sales from the expanded dinnerware production should be obtained in the autumn.

The interim dividend will be increased by 10% to 1.265p per share and will be paid on 14th April, 1978, to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 28th March, 1978.

Kiln Craft Tableware

Majority of Japanese favour curbs on exports

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, March 7

Much to the surprise of the Government, a survey has revealed that the majority of Japanese believe steps should be taken to restrain Japan's exports to Europe to ward off a potential trade war.

Summing up the findings of the poll, conducted by the Prime Minister's office, the document declares that the majority of respondents felt that "Japan should stop flooding European countries with its exports and should promote a greater volume of imports from Europe".

But 22 per cent of the respondents took a more uncompromising view. They felt that since Japanese goods were cheaper and superior it would be unfair to impose import restrictions against them.

Significantly, the report goes on to reveal: "Broken down by academic background, the better-educated respondents tend to favour voluntary restrictions while those with only prewar junior high school or postwar high school backgrounds tend to be more unyielding."

More influential members of society, such as managers and technical experts, favoured voluntary restrictions on exports to Europe.

Examining the poor sales record of European consumer goods on the Japanese market, the survey claims that most Japanese, or 63 per cent of the respondents, attribute their lack of interest to the shortcomings of European goods.

Of this number, 32 per cent of the respondents claimed that European prices were too high. Others complained of insufficient advertising and of goods inferior or unsuitable to the Japanese market.

"Only 14 per cent of the respondents blamed Japanese trade barriers, including tariffs, health requirements and other obstacles in the way of imports."

A spokesman for Petro said that European businessmen had shown little interest, since Jetro decided to reverse its role and promote imports.

"Of the trade inquiries Jetro received during the past year from abroad, only 4 to 5 per cent were concerned with exporting goods to Japan—the rest mostly concerned importing Japanese goods.

"We certainly hope that overseas inquiries pertaining to exports to Japan will increase in future", he added.

White House rejects Commodities Council ban on options trading

From Frank Vogl
Washington, March 7

Controversy is increasing between United States Government agencies over the regulation of trading in commodity futures options.

The Commodity Futures Commission proposed an outright ban on such transactions four weeks ago, but today the White House Council on Wage and Price Stability announced that it opposed the commission's decision.

The council stated that competition in the commodities trading business should be increased and this could result from allowing options transactions. It also called for implementation by the commission of a pilot programme for dealing in options on organized exchanges "with reasonable safeguards, as rapidly as possible".

The dispute arises from a series of scandals associated with the marketing of "London options" where excessive markups have been charged and where in numerous instances the customer's payment has been pocketed without the order being executed.

As a result, trading in options today on organized United States exchanges is not permitted and trading is restricted to domestic dealer options and foreign commodity options which mainly originate on the London markets.

The council points out that "serious problems have not been associated with domestic dealer options. Banning options transactions would clearly be detrimental to those firms which have not been associated with any abuses, and would be detrimental to customers, who would be cut off from a market for the options which they hold".

Further, the council argued the options can reduce the costs of taking risks and generate information on changes in prices and thus can promote efficiency and lower prices.

It also stated that option trading on organized exchanges would be carefully regulated by the exchanges to guard against the sort of abuses that have recently come to light.

Poor management, staff shortages and inadequate supervision of commodity futures dealings in past, have resulted in the commission facing serious difficulties and, to give itself time to reorganize itself, it has sought the simplest of all solutions in this options question by proposing the ban on options trading.

The White House Council, numerous senior government officials and many market participants believe that such a solution is irresponsible and runs directly counter to section 15 of the Commodity Exchange Act.

This section directs the commission to take the least anti-competitive means of achieving its objectives and, according to the White House Council, "a ban on the sale of any goods for service is perhaps the most anti-competitive measure imaginable".

Recall for 9,000 as Tyne yard reopens

By Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent

After 24 hours in chaos in the five Tyneside shipbuilding yards of Swan Hunter during which more than 9,000 workers were laid off, the company announced last night that normal working would be resumed today.

The circumstances which led to the layoffs will, however, be discussed by 500 union delegates of British Shipbuilders subsidiary, meeting this morning at Newcastle under the aegis of the shipbuilding committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

It is expected that steps will be taken to avoid a repetition of the situation at Swan Hunter where, at less than 24 hours' notice, the company's entire Tyneside work force was laid off.

The trouble arose at Swan Hunter after the company decided to close the yard when pay talks with 80 security men, who had been imposing sanctions, ended in deadlock. The company maintained that normal security functions could not be carried out without the full cooperation of the security men.

On union instructions the 9,000 workers reported for duty yesterday, and after a hurried meeting between senior union officials and management, it was decided that in view of the fact that the men had not received 24 hours' notice they would be paid for yesterday and told not to report for duty.

A settlement with the security men was achieved after hurried meetings yesterday. The company said: "Following the series of discussions with the representatives of security staff, a formula has been established that will permit the yards to resume normal working."

A spokesman for the CSEU said last night that an attempt to avoid similar confrontations with employers would be the principal matter on the agenda at today's meeting of shop stewards.

Heron in stamps deal

Heron Service Stations, one of the Green Shield stamp company's largest petrol filling station clients, announced yesterday that it had signed up a further 60 garages to sell stamps.

Swiss steel pact with Community

Switzerland's Economics Ministry yesterday disclosed details of an agreement with the European Community which establishes minimum price levels for trade in steel concrete reinforcing bars.

A spokesan for the ministry said that the minimum reference prices will be set 10 per cent higher than current prices both in Switzerland and the Community.

Imports will be allowed in at as much as 3 per cent below this reference level. Below this a compensatory duty will be applied.

The agreement becomes effective on Friday, and will stay in force until the end of this year.

The spokesma nstressed that the setting of minimum import price levels was not meant quantitatively to restrict this trade, but to maintain orderly conditions.

He explained that the reason for setting the price levels at 10 per cent above current levels was because this industry in both the Community and Switzerland was hard-pressed and that extreme competition was leading to losses.

EEC plan for penalties on unfair advertising attacked

By Patricia Tisdall

Protests are being made by the British advertising industry is about EEC proposals to establish legal sanctions on control misleading or unfair advertising.

In a final directive, approved after more than four years of deliberation, the Council of the European Communities is proposing that all member states introduce some form of legal controls on advertising.

The Advertising Association which represents more than 90 per cent of Britiain's advertising companies maintains that such a development would destroy the existing self-regulatory system.

Mr Roger Underhill, the director-general of the association, maintained yesterday that that as well as being more expensive the replacement of voluntary cintrols by statutory machinery would be against the best interests of consumers.

"We firmly believe that our British system of self-regulation backed by some 60 statutes, is far more effective than a strait jacket of slow, cumbersome and expensive legislation", he said.

The association is making its objection to the select committees on European Legislation of both Houses of Parliament. It will also be presenting its views to Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.



Mr Roger Underhill, director-general of the Advertising Association:

British advertising firms want a clause inserted in the directive which, while harmonizing controls, would allow EEC member states flexibility to implement controls in their own way.

The association is also concerned about a switch contained in the directive, moving the burden of proof from the person who makes the complaint to the advertiser.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

British Petroleum and the Arab trade boycott

From Mr Tom Normanton, MP for Cheadle (Conservative)

Sir, Since your report last month, indicating that British Petroleum has tried to enforce compliance with the Arab trade boycott of Israel as a contractual condition on various United States firms, I have had conversations with a number of British and continental businessmen, and with persons knowledgeable in matters pertaining to EEC regulations. I hope you will allow me to report their views, as the issue of the boycott is of growing public concern, as any MP concerned with industry and trade will confirm and especially now that a Bill outlawing compliance with it has been given a second reading in the Lords, and a select committee is being appointed to study the matter.

The British Petroleum case raises two fundamental questions: is BP in contravention of relevant EEC regulations as a result of its enforcement of the boycott, and what is the role of the British Government in this affair (for HMG is the dominant shareholder of BP)?

1. If, as reported, BP Trading insists on compliance with the terms of the boycott, then it would appear to have abused the dominant position it holds in the petroleum markets of the EEC, contrary to Article 86 (D) of the Treaty of Rome. This article cites as an abuse "making the conclusion of contracts subject to acceptance by the other parties of supplementary obligations which by their nature or according to commercial usage have no connexion with the subject of such contracts". That, of course, fits the Arab trade boycott rules perfectly. Indeed, the EEC Commission has gone on record before the European Parliament (of which I have been a member since January, 1973) as stating that, where the relevant conditions are fulfilled, Articles 85 and 86 of the treaty also apply to agreements which oblige firms to discriminate in the choice of the parties with which they have industrial and/or trade relations.

2. As for British Government ownership of almost 50 per cent of BP shares, this very fact enmeshed HMG and the Secretary of State for Energy, Benn himself, in BP's stance towards the Treaty of Rome's provisions. For the treaty provides that public undertakings are subject to the treaty's rules, in particular the rule on nondiscrimination on grounds of nationality (Article 7) and the competition rules which of course includes Article 86. This pertains also to undertakings to which member states grant special or exclusive rights, or which are entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest (Article 90, paragraphs 1 and 2).

The Government has repeatedly condemned the Arab trade boycott, but has stated that compliance or noncompliance with it is a matter to be resolved by each company, in the light of its commercial interest. What, then, of a company whose dominant shareholder is the Government itself? Will HMG disclaim any (even moral) obligation in this matter—even when a likely breach of the Treaty of Rome's provisions is involved?

Those with whom I have discussed this matter, and I myself, do not believe the Government can escape its obligation to stand by its condemnation of the boycott. It must advise British Petroleum (and ought to advise all other British companies) to cease compliance with a boycott which is as much to be condemned in principle as it is to be eschewed in practice. Or is this but one more example of the "double talk" in which the present Government indulges at home, of the intentional disregard of our treaty obligations within the Community, and of their abdication to extremism at home and abroad?

Millions of men and women who experienced the consequences of appeasement and abdication prior to 1939 have a right to expect a clear answer and unequivocal declaration on this 1978 version of appeasement.

I am yours,
TOM NORMANTON,
House of Commons,
London SW1A 0AA.
March 2.

Outside board experience

From Mr C. D. Power

Sir, Your special report on the role of the company director (March 2) naturally emphasizes the value of non-executive directors to companies who select them with care and for the right reasons.

Only passing reference is made, however, to the substantial advantages which flow the other way if an active executive's primary company will allow him to serve on an outside board. The resultant broadening of attitudes and exposure to a wider and different role, can be a major factor in developing both his own career and his value to his primary company.

The real issue is that companies must believe in this philosophy and allow their young key executives to serve outside in appropriate companies. This would be a positive contribution to the development of more of the top class executives which the country so desperately needs

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Credit control

From Mr C. A. Fairbairn

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May I ask Mr Puttick (Business News, March 1) and all other businessmen to remain prudent and stick to standard business practices. We have nothing to lose but our spines.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. FAIRBAIRN,
Managing Director,
Merseyside Metal Sprayers Ltd,
22 St John's Road,
Bankhall,
Liverpool L20 8BH.

Industrial tribunals and the employers

From Mr Henry Kemp

Sir, Mr J. B. Capstick in his article on industrial tribunals (March 1) has certainly highlighted some of the problems which recent legislation has created for employers. A recent private member's Bill which would have gone some way towards alleviating some of the problems was unfortunately talked out due to marginally insufficient Opposition support.

None the less, Government must realize the burden that small businesses in particular are having to bear and in cases where an employer successfully defends a claim made against him at an industrial tribunal, he is often left out of pocket to the extent of several hundred pounds at the end of the case.

Justice is certainly being done for the employee and quite rightly so. Surely it is time that some measure of justice be offered to the employer. In the case of small businesses at least, could there not be a fund upon which successful defendants could draw their out of pocket expenses, in the same way that legal aid through local law centres is available without charge to a claimant.

Unless this is done then some small companies could find that the burden of having to defend a series of unsuccessful cases against them could place in jeopardy the jobs of some of their other employees as a result of the employer's financial position having been considerably weakened.

By all means therefore let justice be done, but let it be paid for on an equally just basis.

Yours faithfully,
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Structural engineers back role of CEI

By Derek Harris

The Institution of Structural Engineers (ISE) yesterday gave virtually a "no-change" verdict on the organization of the engineering profession, urging that registration should not be statutory and should remain a responsibility of the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI), which it helped to fund.

But the ISE admitted that *special licensing arrangements* —which for public safety reasons already apply to designers of large dams—and the qualification of mine managers, might be considered for those involved in work on the structural stability of buildings.

In its evidence yesterday to the Finniston inquiry into the organization of the profession, the ISE nevertheless remained cool towards the licensing of engineers in genral. Under a licensing system only designated engineers would be allowed to take on specifically defined work.

The ISE foresaw difficulty, even in the comparatively easily-defined field of structural *engineering, of restricting certain* work to approved grades of professional engineer. But it said it would welcome any ideas on licensing which could be shown to safeguard further the public interest.

A growing number of organizations in their evidence have thrown doubts on the practicability of licensing. The latest to turn its back on the idea was the Engineering Employers' Federation, which declared that licensing was neither practicable nor desirable in manufacturing industry.

But it favoured registration on a voluntary basis. Such a system should not be operated by CEI but by a Government *department.*

The EEF would also like to see chartered status available to engineers with a wider range of academic qualifications than at present—including older professional people who have proved their worth whatever their academic achievement.

Chamber's Budget plea to Chancellor

Mr Healey's Budget should aim for a limited stimulus, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry says in its economic report, issued yesterday. Too strong a stimulus would throw away the progress made over the past few months in establishing a stronger pound and stable conditions in financial markets, the report says.

The chamber is also concerned about the growing danger of protectionism. Combined with the weakness of the dollar and the sluggish nature of world trade this threatened the international outlook, it says.

In its own Budget representations the chamber calls for income tax cuts and a stimulus for small and medium-sized firms to be financed partially by increases in indirect taxes.

Incentives were needed to boost productivity and output. The chamber wants a reduction in the standard rate of income tax and increases in personal allowances. The low-paid should be helped by a reduced rate band and there should be a maximum of 60 per cent at the top end.

In brief

Goodyear seeks cutbacks of up to 400

Goodyear, the American-based tyre makers is to make between 300 and 400 people redundant at its Wolverhampton factory, which is the biggest private employer of labour in the town.

The move is part of a cost-cutting operation by Goodyear, which last year lost £462,000. It employs 5,500 people. A comday: "We hope that these redundancies can be achieved on a voluntary basis."

750 in tannery closure notices

More than 750 redundancy notices were being issued yesterday to employees at the Richard Hodgson Tannery at Beverley, north Humberside. By June, when the notices become effective, the market town's unemployment figure willhave doubled unless there is a last minute reprieve. The proposed closure follows a prolonged dispute over the charges for disposing of the company's effluent processing.

German strike support

More than 60,000 workers in the metal processing industries in south-west Germany yesterday downed tools to demonstrate support of a claim for a wage increase of 8 per cent. The stoppages came immediately before the beginning of a strike poll of metal workers in North Baden-North Württemberg and North Rhine-Westphalia.

BSC in atomic link

British Steel and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority have launched a new company aimed at gaining a slice of the £10m a year market for the inspection of light water reactor pressure vessels and primary pipework. It has been set up by Unit Inspection Company, which forms part of the BSC's tubes division and the AEA for an initial period of 10 years.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A ray of light from Unilever

er a poor third quarter Unilever eared to end the year on a rising trend, the figures are deceptive. On the basis omparable exchange rates and stripping the change in the Nigerian interests n subsidiary to associate status, operat- profits in the first three quarters in cession were up 6 per cent, up 13 per t and down 15 per cent. But the full year ed 6 per cent better, implying a fourth rter gain approaching 30 per cent. hat rise is flattering in that the fourth rter of 1976 was not particularly strong, e were gains from year-end adjustments, stock losses, which had hit the third rter, were negligible. Nevertheless Uni- r ended the year on a happier note many companies reporting recently published profits after all adjustments an adverse exchange rate are only 10 cent down on 1976 at £550·6m. ven so 1977 was not the year it was inally expected to be and the trading ure remains very mixed. The company ves the gloom over European consumer ding trends has been over done. There some build up in detergent and toilet- sales in the fourth quarter, and the ed Kingdom, at least should begin to e fairly quickly. But developing coun- economies are likely to be worse, and he industrial chemicals, packaging and r industries the scene remains as grim is for ICI and Reed.

e acquisition of National Starch, ex- ed to be completed in the middle of the will mean little to earnings, and ough reorganization costs of the Nether- s meat business have been provided the major part of a £13·5m exceptional t in the final quarter) there will be no up until the reorganization itself is pleted. On the other hand the cost of materials is in Unilever's favour, and pent up dividend, now totalling 38p s, is arguably still not fully discounted e shares at 482p.

e yield on the current payout, however, ly 3.9 per cent. The ending of dividend aint would raise this to 6.2 per cent, even at that level Unilever, heading for ts growth of perhap sa tenth in 1978, ot be expected to do much better than rm in line with the market as a whole.

Second half slump

BSR's full-year pre-tax profits of £20.3m compare with £28.7m for 1976 and are every bit as bad as the stock market feared. Sights had been set as high as £35m before the interim report so it is not hard to see why the group's growth status has been completely eliminated in recent months.

Sterling's strength against the dollar, which wiped out most of the previous year's £7.8m exchange gains, has of course, been the main problem. But BSR's efforts to diversify its products base away from the volatile record-changer business has also served it badly to date.

Profits from consumer products have collapsed from just over £3m to £1.35m as the group has struggled to maintain its share of a ferociously competitive market. Recent acquisition, Judge International, has been particularly disappointing turning in a loss of £450,000 despite earlier cost-cutting moves.

On the sound reproduction side the United States market, which takes over 70 per cent of BSR's record-changers, has been solid enough with volume growth continuing to run as high as 10 per cent. However this improvement has been cancelled out by dismal conditions in the United Kingdom, Europe and elsewhere even before exchange rate moves are taken into account.

Bu tat least BSR may now be over the worst. After slightly lower sales in the first two months of the current year there has been an encouraging upturn in the order book on the sound reproduction side. Here a recent 8 per cent price increase is to be followed shortly by another of 5-6 per cent which should offset the impact of sterling's strength on United States business. Meanwhile the three new Accutrac models are seemingly now over pre-launch teething troubles.

On the consumer side hopes are still pinned on a spending surge following the April budget, but in the meantime the shares may draw some support from a p/e ratio of under 6 and a yield of 8 per cent at 90p.



● *Sir Charles Forte (above) chief executive of Trust Houses Forte, was in high spirits when he presented his balance sheet yesterday—and with good dreason. Profits so far this year are running well above the level of 1977, and outside estimates suggest that THF can make £50m or so, against £38m. The group is still seeing plenty of steam from the splendid acquisitions of the Lyons and Knott hotels which only contributed partially last year. Moreover the balance sheet, helped by the first tranche of a revaluation programme, is much more comfortable and includes over £40m of cash.*

THF is still adding to its chains—the latest is a £4m purchase of Colony Foods, a restaurant business in the United States. This sort of acquisition plus improvements to its existing businesses and the possible expansion of the Post Houses chain seem to reflect THF thinking at the moment. One question, though, is whether Allied Breweries still holding a 21.4 per cent stake —a relic of the 1971 takeover attempt—will now take the opportunity of a relatively high THF share price to place its stake. On the other hand Sir Charles promised a share price of 250p when resisting the Allied bid and at 170p it is still a long way short of that.

Time to cut short the complacency over Britain's mineral supplies

Britain, as a manufacturing and international trading nation, relies for the vast bulk of its non-fuel minerals, the raw materials for its industry, on imports. The same is true, although to a lesser extent, of the EEC.

Of all the major industrialized nations only Japan is more heavily dependent than Britain on the import of basic raw materials for its industry.

And yet what distinguishes Britain from its trading competitors is the apparent lack of any coherent policy on the security of mineral supplies.

The United States is rich in resources and has a large indigenous mining industry. Where imports are necessary, the majority come from its two neighbours, Canada and Mexico.

But for all its seeming independence, the United States not only has a strategic policy, but also has a strategic stockpile of selected minerals run by the General Services Administration, a federal agency. The GSA targets are altered from time to time and the theory does not always match the practice—for example, stocks of tin are above target but there is a deficit in cobalt and the platinum group metals.

There is no major EEC policy, but France and Germany provide superior incentives for their mining companies and manufacturing industry to tie up supply lines and have a more exact idea of the importance of n minerals policy.

Being the most dependent of the industrialized nations on imports, Japan formulated a series of policies, which, inter alia, led to a rapid investment in the 1960s in mines, particularly in Australia, to ensure long-term contracts and as much security of supply as was practicable. In that decade, Japanese capital inflows into Western Australia, which has vast mineral deposits, far outstripped those from Britian.

If Britain has a policy, it is very much laisser-faire: one of reliance on traditional sources, particularly South Africa and Canada, and on the trading role of the London Metal Exchange and its warehouses. The sources of imports are not well diversified.

However, a paper* by Mr Phillip Crowson, recently published by The Royal Institute of International Affairs, sounds a warning: "In an interdependent world, where boycotts and economic sanctions are increasingly used to achieve political ends, it is doubtful whether such a policy is now sufficient. It is no longer wise to be complacent about traditional sources or marketing methods."

The paper has been published by Chatham House as part of a three-year assessment of the external policy options facing Britain in the period to 1985. It is probably the most definitive statement on Britain's reliance on raw materials and the possibility of disruption of supply to have been written for many years.

One inescapable fact of mineral production is the dominating position of South Africa, Russia, China and other Eastern block countries in the output league table. As the main table shows, South Africa and the Eastern block countries account for over 50 per cent of world production of seven out of 12 strategic materials.

Mr Crowson, senior economist at Rio Tinto-Zinc, the United Kingdom's largest mining house, makes the point that there are few if any minerals which can be subjected to a cartel on similar lines to that imposed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (on the other hand, it has to be said that not so long ago it was not thought possible for Opec to have any cohesive force or to have the desire to turn so savagely on the rest of the world).

Bauxite is the closest parallel to oil, but there are several minerals which could be subject to "price gouging" where the price can be increased sharply in the short-term, but at the expense of long-term oversupply. An example is phosphate rock in 1974-75 when Morocco raised the price fourfold. There was temporary success, but then demand collapsed as farmers forwent the use of fertilizers for a time.

Price gouging could be extended to suspension of supplies, though in normal times economies could be made or alternative sources of supply found. However, in times of hostilities or near-war, the disruption might be longer.

Britain and the EEC can also be affected by political decisions taken over various minerals. Recently uranium has become the prime example with the governments of Canada, the United States and Australia deciding to impose conditions on the end use of uranium they supply.

Although a strategic mineral, uranium is in fact very plentiful—although mostly low grade and costly to extract. But once Australia's vast high grade reserves are opened up there will be an abundance of the mineral. However, in the 1960s Britain's desire to diversify its sources of supply led it to back the development of the Rossing mine in Namibia which subsequently became a political embarrassment.

One solution to the risks of disruption of supplies of minerals could be to set up strategic stockpiles, which would be drawn on, only in the case of war or severe supply difficulties caused by political factors.

A one-year supply would cost the EEC about $7,200m at current prices for 13 important industrial minerals, although the level of stocks of any metal could be adjusted according to the diversity of supply.

Also, the EEC's scheme to encourage the prospecting for uranium within its boundaries could be extended to other minerals. However, this would need a big change of heart in Britain. Although the Department of Industry has £25m available to fund up to 35 per cent of exploration expenditure, only £1.5m, had been approved in the six years to the end of March last year.

The reason for this low figure is simply that the barriers placed in the way of developing mines in this country are such that few companies now wish to try. Even with a 35 per cent grant, mining companies will still lose money and waste resources if a potential mine is not allowed to be developed, while prospecting staff become demoralized.

Europe and its mining companies face an increasingly hostile environment in Third World countries over the development and exploitation of mineral deposits. With the North-South dialogue increasingly acrimonious the Community will have to take the initiative.

It is unfortunate perhaps that the Chatham House paper should have been published at a time of depression in much of the base metal mining industry with large stockpiles of many metals—such as nickel and copper—since it may well induce further complacency.

Yet, if Opec has proved anything, it is that neither Britain nor the West can afford to be complacent if they wish to be assured of supplies once the recession is past.

* *British foreign policy to 1985; Non-fuel minerals and foreign policy*, by Phillip Crowson, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, St James's Square, London, SW1 (£3.50).

Desmond Quigley

UK AND EEC IMPORT DEPENDENCE AND MAJOR PRODUCERS OF SELECTED MINERALS

Mineral	Imports as % of UK consumption	Main UK suppliers %	Imports as % of EEC consumption	Main EEC suppliers (%)	Main producers (% of world production)
Nickel	100	Canada (87)	†62	Canada (53), Norway (13)	Canada (31), E. block (19), New Caledonia (16)
Manganese	100	*S Africa (31), Brazil (29)	100	*S Africa (52), Gabon (24)	S Africa (22), E block (42)
Antimony	100	**EEC (92)	†95	**China (61), Spain (18)	S Africa (22.4), E block (29)
Chromium	100	S Africa (39), Philippines (27)	100	S Africa (31), E block (24)	S Africa (26), E block (36), Rhodesia (8)
Cobalt	100	N/a	†100	Zambia (33), Zaire (24)	Zaire (53), Zambia (9), E block (10)
Niobium	100	***Brazil (82)	100	***Brazil (77)	Brazil (85)
Molybdenum	100	*Canada (31), US (30)	100	*US (42), Canada (41)	US (60), Canada (16)
Platinum group	100	S Africa (41), USSR (6)	†100	USSR (33), S Africa (24)	S Africa (47), USSR (45)
Tungsten	99.5	E block (14), Portugal (21)	99	E block (17), Portugal (14)	E block (50)
Vanadium	100	****S Africa (55), Finland (42)	99	****Finland (47), S Africa (42)	S Africa (47), USSR (16)
Asbestos	100	Canada (62), S Africa (16)	100	Canada (65), S Africa (13), USSR (14)	E block (45), Canada (33)
Gold	100	S Africa (73), US (9)	100	S Africa (46), Switzerland (30)	S Africa (60), E block (21)

Imports are from immediate source and not necessarily from country of origin, eg UK's supply of antimony.
*Ore; **Metal; ***Including tantalum; **** V_2O_5 †Excluding scrap.
Source: *Non-fuel minerals data base*, Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Cost to EEC of 12-month stockpile of strategic non-fuel minerals

	($m)
Copper	3,100
Lead	460
Nickel	700
Tin	700
Zinc	850
Manganese (inc ferro)	340
Chromium (inc ferro)	320
Vanadium (inc ferro)	50
Platinum group	160
Antimony	30
Cobalt	130
Tungsten	150
Molybdenum (inc ferro)	200
Total	7,190

Romania struggles to overcome its economic handicaps

A year after the earthquake which caused widespread damage Michael Frenchman discusses the country's efforts to solve its problems

It is a year since an earthquake struck Romania, causing devastation in the capital, Bucherest, as well as in important centres like Zimnicea, Ploiesti, and Craiova.

Today its evidence is still to be seen in the capital, where some 33 tower blocks collapsed. The rubble from these has now been completely cleared away, leaving large open spaces many of which are being used for offstreet parking — not that there is much of a traffic problem in Bucharest.

Many of the old and stouter ministry buildings in the Scinteia Square complex still have gaping cracks in the walls.

Altogether some 10,000m lei (about £435m) of damage (equivalent to about 2½ per cent of the 1976 national income) was caused to factories, plant and equipment and domestic buildings. More than 1,500 people died and another 12,000 were injured.

The recovery from the devastation has been impressive, but it has caused problems for the housing programme, which is now well behind schedule. A serious effect has been a reduction in power output and only limited electricity supplies are available in Bucharest, where there is little or no street lighting and only the minimum of lights in hotels and public buildings.

During a discussion on energy resources at the last national party conference, Mr Gheorghe Oprea, the deputy Prime Minister, said that Romania's national income per unit of consumer energy was far below that of the economically advanced states. This was because of "obsolete technology" and on "erroneous technical-economic mentality".

There is no dobt that Romania's transition from a less-developed country to that of a developed one is handicapped by lack of modern technological aids. Under the proposed revision of the five-year plan the mining and oil sector is expected to contribute an additional 6,000m lei worth of industrial output.

It is in this sector that there have been large problems, particularly on the labour front. Last August the miners in the Jiu Valley openly demonstrated against the Government because of poor working conditions, inadequate pay and pension rights, and lac kof food.

President Ceausescu has confirmed that the Government will pay particular attention to fuel and energy policy, which was vital for the development of the economy. He stressed that efforts would be made to develop alternative sources of energy, such as solar and thermal power as well as wind power.

Supplementary programmes are meanwhile being proposed for the plan, particularly in the industrial and construction sectors. The reason for these increases, which vary from just over 2 to 5 per cent, is an attempt to catch up on a shortfall in the planned standard of living. Only 22.5 per cent of the extra salaries promised in the plan for 1977/78 are being paid, and the rest, some 31m lei, has been deferred until 1979/80.

In the construction sector there is some excuse, because of the earthquake, for the failure to meet targets. But, even taking this into account, President Ceausescu has said that the construction target is 3,000 units short, giving a total shortfall of 8,000 units last year.

Now the priority is raising productivity and increasng the rate of industrialization. As an added improvement to living conditions a 44-hour week is gradually to be introduced in all sectors by 1983. In the first phase, which will affect selected women workers, extra time off will be granted on the basis of one free Saturday a month.

In the second stage to be introduced from 1981-83 a eight-hour day and a 44-hour week will be gradually established.

On the face of it there appear to be some benefits in the scheme but according to the "working week programme" the shorter hours are dependent on what appear to be stringent productivity and improved manning agreements. A warning is given that unless these targets are met as the new system is phased in there will be a reversion to the longer week.

A rough calculation suggests that this year 1 million to 1.4 million workers will benefit from an extra 11 million to 15 million extra days off, but 400,000 of these workers already have half a day off a week and it appears the under the progrmme they will be in fact forced to work longer hours.

The eventual introduction of new technology, more training of skilled manpower and better conditions for the workers will one day bring the improved benefis for which the Romanian Communist Party has been striving.

Business Diary: Nobel prize fight • Twin set



Stig Ramel.

December's five Nobel winners will be getting a or two more than last winners—they will re- 725,000 Swedish kronor £80,000) each. But the se will be only 3 per cent given present rates of on, Stig Ramel, the man ans the Nobel Foundation, lerstandably unhappy.

50-year-old former nat, who is now on the of an array of major sh companies, points out when the Nobel Founda- as set up in 1900 under ill of Alfred Nobel it was Kr32m. That is about m at today's values t the present market of the foundation's assets e Kr180m.

el, who has been execu- irector of the foundation 1972; says the trouble was conservative investment s in the 1920s and resulted in big losses e foundation. Most of sets were simply placed ds.

turning point was 1953 the rules were changed w the foundation to use ital like any investment y.

now have a very active nent policy. This has us increase the value of rizes by 250 per cent 1953, or in real terms by 0 per cent", said Ramel. inflation rates of well per cent we have fallen slightly in the last year , but the yield on capital ed last year by some 12.5 nt."

prizes—given for , chemistry, literature, and physiology or medicine—could well benefit next year, as the full impact is felt of the foundation's big switch in its property portfolio, including the buying of office and commercial properties in Stockholm. The foundation has also shaken up its agricultural and forest property holdings to simplify administration and reduce costs.

■ *Ross Davies writes*: A meeting in a million is to take place in England this weekend between two businessmen, one American and one British.

Clifford Cameron, the chairman and president of First Union National Bank of North Carolina, is here this week to address meetings in London and Birmingham on investment prospects in his state for British companies.

His work over, Cameron is to be a guest at the Leicestershire country home of John King, chairman of Babcock and Wilcox, an engineering company with American business interests.

But Cameron and King have something in common other than business. Cameron has twin 25-year-old daughters, both single, and King has twin 25-year-old sons, likewise unmarried.

The two Cameron daughters are Cindy, who is an artist, and Cathy, who has followed her father into the banking business. King's sons are Rupert, an accountant, and Philip, a solicitor.

Match-making, however, is not thought to be on the agenda. It is the first meeting between the two men, who have a mutual friend in Skipper Bowles, the vice-chairman of First Union.

Cameron, incidentally, is a walking—should I say a flying? —advertisement for Concorde. He flew Concorde for the first time last weekend, taking the Saturday lunchtime flight to London from New York City.

He found the flight noisy and crowded but so quick that he was in London in time for dinner and a normal night's sleep sans jet lag.

The bank's policy is for officers to fly tourist class, but Cameron told me he is willing to change the rule, having noticed how much fresher he felt on Monday morning (he was up jogging at 6.30 am) than the other members of his team who took routine flights and had jet lag to get over.

■ One of the brightest young businessmen in France is to takeover later this month as director general of the Rothschild Bank. Only 35, he was born in New York, where his family had fled during the war. He also happens to be a Rothschild and son of the bank's president.

David de Rothschild, son of Guy, became a company managing director at 27—of the big concern Le Nickel. In 1973 he was appointed director general of the Compagnie du Nord, a job he has continued to hold down, as well as that of administrator of other companies like the mining concern Penarroya and Saga.

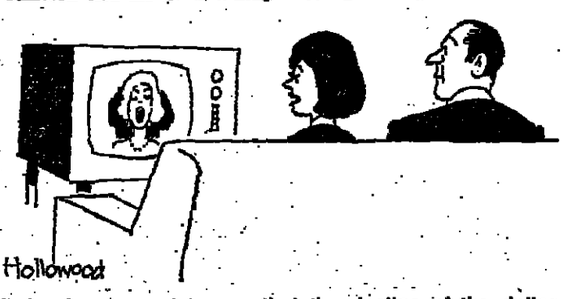
He is taking over the job at the bank which has been held since 1973 by Francois Caries, a former tax inspector who has worked for the Rothschild empire since 1968. The latter's new job is president of the Compagnie Europeene de Banque, which the Rothschilds have just taken under their wing as part of their strategy of increasing their interest in property and its finance.

Caries already has the job of integrating the Stern bank, another recent acquisition, into the company.

■ Middle East Airlines is continuing its tradition of having highly Anglo-phile people at the top with the appointment of Asad Nasr as its new chairman of the board and president.

Nasr graduated from Cambridge University in mathematics and law in 1950 and after teaching maths and statistics at the American University in Beirut joined MEA as general planning and economics manager in 1955.

He succeeds Shaikh Najib Alamuddin, who was educated at Exeter University and is well known in business circles in London, having played a big part in the Arab purchase of the Dorchester Hotel.



"Has it occurred to you that the decline of the dollar could mean more American rubbish on TV?"

Pillsbury, the Minneapolis-based baker, has come up with what could be called the Euro-croissant. The group has a bakery at Thurcroft, Yorkshire, but so poor was the United Kingdom market that two years ago it stopped selling under the company's label in this country and started to supply dough to continental markets. The French, for example, were soon eating croissants made in England. However, Pillsbury is again testing the British market, and one of its lines is—yes, a type of croissant.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of April 1, 1970 between International Standard Electric Corporation and The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), as Trustee, $4,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the above-captioned Debentures will be redeemed for the sinking fund on April 1, 1978 at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to April 1, 1978.

The numbers of the Debentures to be redeemed are as follows:

M15	1314	2532	3861	5054	6126	7748	8983	10308	11283	12414	13578	14746	16138	17424	18594	19835	21086	22190	23262	24557	25994	27218	28439
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23	1329	2570	3902	5063	6163	7792	8999	10324	11293	12425	13582	14760	16159	17430	18623	19870	21103	22199	23311	24575	26023	27227	28458
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On April 1, 1978, there will become due and payable on the Debentures to be redeemed the principal amount thereof together with accrued interest to April 1, 1978. On and after April 1, 1978 interest on the Debentures to be redeemed shall cease to accrue.

Payment of Debentures to be redeemed will be made on or after April 1, 1978 upon presentation and surrender of said Debentures, with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after April 1, 1978 at any one of the following banks:

The Chase Manhattan Bank,
National Association
(Corporate Bond Redemptions)
1 New York Plaza, 14th Floor
New York, New York 10015

The Chase Manhattan Bank,
National Association
Woolgate House
Coleman Street
London E.C. 2, England

The Chase Manhattan Bank,
National Association
41 Rue Cambon
Paris, France

Hollandsche Bank-Unie N.V.
Herengracht 434
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Societe Generale de Banque S.A.
Brussels, Belgium

Dresdner Bank Aktiengesellschaft
Frankfurt, Germany

Banque Generale du Luxembourg S.A.
53 Boulevard Royale
Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Banca Commerciale Italiana
Piazza della Scala 6
Milan, Italy

Interest accrued and unpaid to April 1, 1978 on said Debentures will be paid in the usual manner.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Dated: February 28, 1978

Challenge ahead is to take advantage of strengthening energy outlook to resolve industrial problems and discard despondency

Coal Board chief's plea for managers to be involved in national policies

A call to break away from the frustrations and stop-go policies of the past was made today by Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the British Institute of Management.

"This country's lack of self-confidence, our alternating moods of euphoria and gloom, and even at times an almost self-defeating attitude to economic progress, are hiding the great prospects ahead for us", he said.

Sir Derek, opening the Institute's second national convention under the banner Good Management for a Prosperous Britain, at the Wembley Conference Centre, told the 1,000 delegates that 1978 would be critical in the country's economic development, and represented a major challenge for managers.

What disturbed most of those who studied economic affairs was the way in which Britain's moods changed. They alternated from one of euphoria when reserves reached an historical height, interest charges came down and the rate of inflation also came down and touched single figures, to one of depression with one month's adverse trading results.

What they feared most as managers was that this alternation of moods could be taken as an alternation of policy, and if they were not careful they would get back into the old "stop-go" syndrome again.

"Managers will have to provide the motivation and leadership which will not only lead to improved performance and efficiency, but will *maintain* the essential on-going confidence in our ability to succeed", Sir Derek said. "We as managers are determined to make things go better".

The critical feature for the future was a strong energy situation. The challenge for management was that they had to use the advantages of a strengthening energy situation to resolve industrial problems.

"We have an opportunity to break away from the frustrations and stop-go policies of the past. It is an opportunity which is now within our grasp if we can discard our moods of despondency and gloom to pick up the challenge—a challenge for the nation as a whole and for management in particular".



Mr Trevor Holdsworth, left, Mr Peter Parker and Mr A. E. Bide, chairman of Gla[illegible]

BIM National Convention 1978

Sir Derek said the aim of the Institute was to achieve a situation where it was treated on an equal footing with the so-called big battalions, and to whom the Government turned when it wanted to hear the views of managers.

"I think we have been increasingly treated in such a way", he said.

Mr John MacNaughton of Kingston-on-Thames proposed a resolution calling on the Government to cooperate with managers in determining a set of nationally-agreed economic objectives.

The resolution urged the BIM to devise its own policies to influence economic, social and political changes, and urged managers to establish action plans in their own operations to achieve improvements in current levels of industrial performance.

Mr MacNaughton said that nation states had arrived at a point where economic and social policies were deemed to be necessary. But, regrettably, in the United Kingdom these policies had been lacking in one essential ingredient—the considered non-political view of the professional manager.

"The manager, through this Institute, can and must be the missing ingredient. Without that missing ingredient the national cake—of which every vocal organization from the Flat Earthers to whatever is demanding a share—*will* never even be mixed, let alone get on to the nation's table.

"We must press for the full and unfettered involvement of managers in the formation of national policies. For as sure as night follows day we will be that section of the community that will have to make them work—even if they are unworkable."

A start had already been made with the joint all-party committee on management, and the cooperation between [illegible] and the BIM. There was [illegible] dence that they had [illegible] listened to and their con[illegible] tive approach had influ[illegible] final policies, and, in [illegible] cases, legislation.

They should also liaise [illegible] other professional bodies [illegible] institutes to produce a [illegible] wider voice of managers [illegible] must also consider the po[illegible] on education and industry [illegible] subjects like the govern[illegible] role in influencing import[illegible] exports, the rewards of ski[illegible] investment overseas.

There was a need for [illegible] policies to be maintained by [illegible] political parties, he went [illegible] Certain key points had [illegible] found to be above [illegible] politics.

Mr Peter Roe, finance me[illegible] ber of Board of Managem[illegible] *Research Groups*, said they [illegible] make it quite clear that ma[illegible] gers were better at running [illegible] dustry than the Governme[illegible] and much better than the [illegible] *unions*.

Mr J. D. Heath (Wolverham[illegible] ton branch), said they had [illegible] stop grumbling and persua[illegible] people to get on with the [illegible]

A gloomy forecast that Bri[illegible] could end up an "industr[illegible] museum" came from Mr Te[illegible] Beckett, the Ford chairman.

In a hard-hitting attack on [illegible] state of the nation, he said [illegible] unless something was do[illegible] about it, we would continue [illegible] decline as a nation, desp[illegible] North Sea oil.

Action on better career guidance approved

The second conference otion concerned education and training.

A composite, submitted by Bristol, Cardiff ad Birmingham branches, requested the Institute to restate its policies on education and the development and training of managers.

It asked for the Institute to continue to play a positive part in the maintenance and improvement of standards in the science and skills of management.

The motion said that one of the major considerations was the relevance of basic education to the development of managers.

Mr Harold Hughes, past chairman of the Cardiff branch, moving the motion, said school and college education over the past 30 years had been subject to a great deal of change, some for the better and some for the worse. There had been overemphasis on academic education for its own sake and insufficient regard forf the suitability of an individual for higher education.

Good management is difficult to teach in the abstract. It comes only from hard and *bitter experience on the job.*"

He suggested that the Institute should participate in setting up a wide range of job consultancy services designed to assist both industries and businesses

Mr Alan Baker, vice-chairman of Bristol branch said it was right to address themselves to the subject of training of managers, but in the end the quality of future managers depended directly on the calibre of entrants into industry and commerce.

There was no doubt that today there was a reluctance in able young people to regard industry and commerce as a prime destination for their careers.

This was a continuing problem which the BIM had to tackle if it were to get the right number of able people as future managers.

Dr George Brosan, a member of the BIM Council, said that in many cases the setting of professional standards rapidly became equated with formal qualifications which in turn were based on examinations with little regard for the professional situation in which the person found himself.

Professional standards were apt to be judged by knowledge and not by competence, because the former was easier to assess.

Dr Brosan said the right mental attitude in management depended much on interaction with others.

Mr Roy Akister, vice-chairman of the Shropshire branch, said.. his members had encouraged the introduction of a *diploma* of management course in the county in recent years, and organized a competition among local schools to stimulate a study of the problems connected with local industry, commerce and local government.

Mr Kenneth Storey, chairman of the Wolverhampton branch, said management training programmes in the last decade had reached very high professional standards.

But the BIM, in reaching *maturity* with learning the processes, needed to turn much more to broadly-based education at entry level, graduate level and mid-career level.

Mr Colin Peacocke, of the Oxford branch, called on the necessary for future decades of management education.

"Education has been too successful over the years, and what has happened is that the management of this country has failed to identify that strata of ability they used to draw on from craft apprentices who have now been raised by education into further and higher education and now come into management at the top."

Summing up the debate, Mr Peter Parker, chairman of British Rail, said that management must have its rewards.

"This is not the age of the glittering prizes", he said. "Soon in this country we must recover our nerve and reward extra energy and effort.

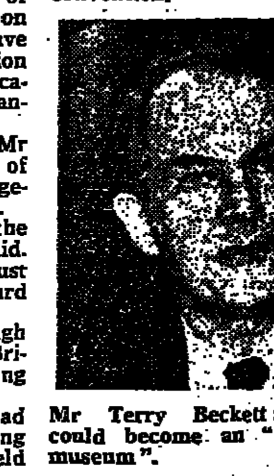
"Dim prizes are not enough for the energy of a *rising* Britain. We need some glittering prizes."

Mr Parker said he was glad that the debate had a cutting edge because if ever a field needed a scything edge it [illegible] the field of management [illegible] tion and training.

He proposed that they sho[illegible] add two things to the resolutio[illegible] They should ask BIM to est[illegible] lish as a matter of urgency [illegible] programme of action for [illegible] next three years for a relev[illegible] pattern of coordination betw[illegible] management and education [illegible] stitutions to achieve an effe[illegible] dialogue on all levels.

Mr Parker said they [illegible] established new areas of co[illegible] cern: one was the problem [illegible] the quantity and quality [illegible] entrants into management, a[illegible] the other was the pattern [illegible] quality of studies.

"Management, as we know, [illegible] a risky business", he told [illegible] convention.



Mr Terry Beckett: Brit[illegible] could become an "industri[illegible] museum".

Unnecessary legislation a drain on resources

Mr Ronald Halstead, of the central London branch, moved a motion attacking the "intolerable burden" placed on managers by excessive and detailed legislation and persistent government intervention in day-to-day business management.

The motion called on the Government to sease legislating in matters directly affecting industry and commerce for a sufficient period to allow the plethora of recent legislation to be absorbed and to provide a staple situation in which managers could concentrate on *managing*.

Our legislators in Whitehall had a lot to answer for. Instead of helping maangers to innovate, produce and market the goods that could save this nation, industry had been starved of the resources to do the job and had been bogged down with more and more bureaucracy, he said.

Mr Walter Chamberlain, chairman of Edinburgh branch, said that productivity was inversely proportional to the rate of enactment of industrial legislation. In view of the terrifying forecasts for unemployment in the future, he felt there should be legislation to deal with this.

His own solution would be to introduce a series of sabbatical years into the normal working life in industry as a way of easing unemployment.

Mr J. B. Freeman, of Teesside, said that to ask the Government to stop legislating was like asking the Navy not to go to sea.

Mr David Gillespie, a committee member of the Kingston on Thames branch, thought that the *motivation* behind recent legislation was care and protection.

Mr Gus Fairburn, chairman of the Scottish Borders branch, felt that management was suffering from the heavy addi tional duties imposed on it.

Mr Roy Pickering, past chairman of the Institute of Works Managers, said any legislation which affected industry should be costed in terms of money and extra unemployment.

Miss Eleanor MacDonald, committee members of the Birimnugham branch, agreed there had ben a great deal of *damaging legislation passed in* recent years, but delegates should remember that much of this was in connexion with the EEC harmonization programme.

Mr Colin Edwards, vice-Chairman of Torbay and Exeter branch, moved an amendment: "That this Convention requires every member of the BIM to make a personal commitment to the better management and government of this country."

Mr Jack Armstrong, North-west Middlesex branch, called for th amendment of the Employment Protection Act, which was preventing small businesses from taking on new employees. Already managers were being advised to pay up to dismissed employees rather than risk the loss of time and money fighting a case.

The convention amended the motion by calling on the Government to recognize the concern of managers about the plethora of legislation; to review existing legislation as it is proposed; to reduce this to the minimum and to consult fully with managers before enacting it. This was carried by a substantial majority.

Motion calls for campaign to publicize institute's role

The final convention debate was introduced by Mr Rupert Hunt, chairman of the Luton branch, who moved a motion calling on the BIM to continue its efforts to collaborate closely with specialist management and other professional institutes to present the unified voice of all professions in matters of national and professional importance.

He said it had been estimated that there were one-and-a-half million managers in the United Kingdom.. These people had choice of joining some 100,000 institutes, of which only 150 required professional qualifications.

Thechoice, therefore, was vast, and most of these organizations overlapped and their objectives were not always clear.

His motion expressed concern that the multiplicity of institutes diluted the voice of management in national affairs.

It called on the BIM to publicize extensively its unique role in the creation of the wealth on which higher living standards depended.

The BIM should also promote urgently the role and contribution of managers; and advocate to the Government, employers and unions a national pay policy based on employers paying what could be afforded from available resources and to recognize the need for differentials, rewards for skill and lower income tax levels.

Mr Hunt said that although the BIM was growing it still represented only about 5 per cent of United Kingdom managers. Their role must be to demonstrate to other institutions that the BIM could represent their members' interests. This was one way ofg maki[illegible] the institute a more meaning[illegible] ful and attractive proposit[illegible] to the general population [illegible] managers.

Mr Jack Tozer, Guildfo[illegible] branch, said that pay policy w[illegible] a national issue. Over the p[illegible] three years it had resulted [illegible] an erosion of differentials a[illegible] reduced recognition of respo[illegible] sibilities and skills.

Each industry should pay [illegible] salary and wages it co[illegible] afford, with government [illegible] giving a guide to the [illegible] acceptable level, he said.

Mr Graham Cunnold, ch[illegible] man London Young Manag[illegible] said it was a relief that [illegible] BIM was now taking its pro[illegible] position as the champion of [illegible] moderate cause. But to [illegible] successful they must be neutr[illegible] and avoid any representati[illegible] that was biased.

Group Captain Keith Cro[illegible] chairman, Teesside bran[illegible] said unless top manageme[illegible] delegated responsibility a[illegible] authority they would create [illegible] vacuum which adversely aff[illegible] ted the credibility of jun[illegible] managers to those who work[illegible] with them.

Mr W. B. Leach, Wolve[illegible] hampton, said the thinkin[illegible] majority realized that for th[illegible] BIM to become a manager[illegible] union was untenable because [illegible] was inconsistent and inco[illegible] patible with their profession[illegible] responsibilities. But there w[illegible] a need for the average manag[illegible] to have a voice.

Mr Basil Watkins, chairm[illegible] of the Institution of Work[illegible] Management, said it had bee[illegible] concerned for a long time th[illegible] the voice of management w[illegible] fragmented and had decided [illegible] set up a joint study group wit[illegible] the BIM to consider some for[illegible] of affiliation.

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NANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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...of business in after ...After opening about a ...firmer on the back of ...evious evening's trading, ...shed an eighth in pre... ...figure nervousness ...ending the session with ...f up to three-quarters. ...s had a mixed day. After ...erforming the market by ...per cent last month ...ity observers had been ...ning Monday night's ...ontinuing. In the event ...A" at 262p, House of ...at 124p, British Home ...at 179p and Debenhams ...all shed a penny or two. ... Holdings eased ½p to 58p but some dealers feel that *the shares were oversold last week in reaction to the news* of the Price Commission investigation into shoe prices.

Ahead of annual figures due out today Woolworth marked time at 62½p. Wheatsheaf firmed 2p to 125p on news that supermarket subsidiary Carrefour is to join the High Street price cutting war while elsewhere in foods, Lennons slipped 2p to 29p, Kwiksave were trimmed a penny to 74p and Tesco's eased 1p to 38p.

Being much as expected figures from **Unilever** provoked little response and the shares closed at an unchanged 482p *having stood at 478p after some* initial disappointment.

Second thoughts about Monday's statement clipped 10p from **Fisons** at 347p but **Beecham** continued to attract support on the strength of its investment plans for the United Kingdom, rising another 8p to 593p.

Reports of fighting between Rhodesian and Zambian forces made little impact on Rhodesian bonds but clipped several pence from central African mines. **Falcon** lost 14p to 194p, **Coronation Syndicate** 13p to 83p, and **MTD (Mangula)** 5p to 40p. **Lonrho** slipped a penny to 68p and **Turner & Newall** had a sympathetic loss of 2p to 182p.

Elsewhere in mines **De Beers Dfd** soared 11p to 322p on reported United States buying in front of figures.

The tax implications of its Cashcade lottery venture kept **Ladbroke** at a subdued 170p, but **Racal** benefitted from a Scott Goff circular ending four pence better at 206p. **Trust Houses Forte** was helped by the chairman's remarks at the annual meeting, gaining 3p to 170p, but **Oil Exploration** dipped 6p to 186p on further talk of a "dry" well.

Better terms from Centreway lifted **Blakey's Malleable Castings** a penny to 48p while the speculative **Hunting Gibson** lost 5p to 200p as profits were taken.

Wm Press shares are due to be requoted this morning and *dealers expect an opening price* of around 21p after a reassuring statement from the board.

The pick of insurances was **Royal**, up 5p to 370p, and **Guardian Royal Exchange**, whose figures are due next month and not this week as inadvertently stated here, lost 2p to 216p.

Boddingtons, the Manchester real ale group, wherein Whitbread has 26 per cent, celebrates its 200th birthday this year, and it has a formidable reputation for outselling other beers. This month it also releases profit figures for 1977. Yesterday the shares rose 2p to a new 1977-78 peak of 144p. Shareholders will, however, trust that the strike which closed 65 managed houses will soon be settled. Beer is so short that Boddingtons' tenanted houses have already been set free to look for other ales.

Engineering shares shook off strike worries after news of fresh talks to resolve the dispute. The exception was **John Brown**, which slipped 3p to 271p, but **Metal Box** rose 4p to 290p, and **GKN** at 367p, was a penny better.

In spite of below par profits **Inveresk** held steady at 67p, while **BSR** dropped 2p to 90p in spite of encouraging words from the chairman to offset disappointing profits.

A 50 per cent rise lifted **Bibby** 6p to 194p, while more than doubled figures had **Sandhurst Marketing** four pence to the good at 28p.

Two others with figures were **Blagden & Noakes**, up 3p to 213p, and **Provident Financial** firmer by 4p to 90p.

Equity turnover on March 6 was £46.29m (11,098 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Grand Metropolitan, ICI, Reed International, BP, EMI, Glaxo, Shell, Distillers, BAT Ind, GEC, BICC, GKN and Marks & Spencer.

Latest results

		Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
...in							
... (F)		158.2(146.6)	6.17(4.18)	—(—)	4.03(3.85)	23/5	9.3(5.8)
...Nmes	(F)	43.8(37.2)	4.3(3.7)	29.4(27.1)	9.17(3.49)	3/4	12(6.02)
...		141.6(137.2)	20.34(28.65)	15.46(20.73)	3.5(3.4)	28/4	4.7(4.06)
...Cons	(F)	—(—)	888(520)	173(85.2)	35(22.5)	—	52.5(35)
...man	(F)	14.34(13.17)	0.04(0.17b)	0.41(4.79b)	0.36(Nil)	—	0.5(Nil)
...Millts	(F)	10.32(7.71)	0.95(0.74)	—(—)	1.18(—)	14/4	1.75(0.97)
...Grp	(F)	70.81(51.71)	2.15(1.55)	7.8(6.8)	3.41(3.10)	21/4	4.79(4.35)
...hen	(F)	14.32(10.69)	0.80(0.53b)	10.49(24.51b)	1.0(Nil)	28/4	1.0(Nil)
...Tst	(I)	0.29(0.13)	0.02(0.06b)	0.04(0.15b)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
...t Fin	(F)	174.8(152.2)	9.54(7.20)	11.10(8.56)	3.26(2.91)	21/4	4.87(4.40)
...rities	(F)	12.36(10.17)	0.96(0.65)	16.59(14.68)	3.1(—)	28/4	4.69(4.27)
...d In	(F)	—(—)	0.41(0.41)	4.16(3.79)	2.18(—)	29/4	4.18(3.8)
...Mking	(I)	1.85(1.54)	0.10(0.05)	1.99(0.96)	0.58(0.29)	25/4	—(0.8)
	(F)	—(—)	4.4(3.9)	4.27(3.69)	2.80(—)	1/5	4.05(3.50)
...otters	(I)	5.08(4.41)	0.37(0.31)	7.77(5.90)	1.26(1.15)	14/4	—(3.5)
	(F)	9,147.0(8,731.0)	559.6(610.8)	69.29(77.20)	12.19(7.01)	—	19.83(19.35)
...NV	(F)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	5.16a(3.0)	—	8.56(8.36)

...s in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends ...n on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown ...nd earnings are net. a Guilders. b Loss. c Rands & Cents.

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Yorks Bank growth trend strong

By Ronald Pullen

Pre-tax profits growth of only £100,000 to £11.85m in 1977 belies the underlying stronger trend at Yorkshire Bank, whose majority shareholders are National Westminster and Barclays. For one thing, the figures bear a maiden charge of £494,000 in connexion with the profit-sharing scheme, while the continued rapid expansion of the bank has pushed up operating costs by 24 per cent.

Apart from the branch banking side, where the drop in interest rates contributed to a dull second half partially offset by the swing to higher margin personal loan business, related banking services have done sharply better — instalment credit almost doubled its contribution to £1m, leasing continued to grow with a book of £10m currently and the one-third stake in Arbuthnot Factors was also a considerable profit centre.

Meanwhile retained profits have been boosted by the lower tax charge. As with Lloyds Bank, Yorkshire estimates that after tax and dividends it would be just about breaking even on inflation-adjusted accounts.

Unilever in 1977

The Directors of Unilever announce the Companies' provisional results for the fourth quarter and for the year 1977, and their ordinary dividend proposals. The results are subject to completion of the consolidated accounts and audit.

Exchange Rates

As has been our practice throughout the year the results for the fourth quarter and the comparative figures for 1976 have been calculated at comparable rates of exchange being based on £1=Fl. 4.18=US$ 1.70, which were the closing rates for 1976. Profit attributable to ordinary capital for the fourth quarter 1977 has also been recalculated at the closing rates for 1977 being based on £1=Fl. 4.36=US$ 1.91 which will be used for the Annual Accounts 1977.

The results and earnings per share for the full year 1977 have been calculated at the closing rates for 1977. The 1976 figures for the full year are based on the closing rates for 1976. The trends are therefore influenced by the changes in exchange rates during the year. For comparison purposes the trends have also been shown based on comparable rates of exchange.

Accounting Policies

As we explained in our previous 1977 quarterly announcements we have, in our reporting prior to 1977, made no distinction between associated companies, which are those in which Unilever has significant shareholdings and participates in commercial and financial policy decisions, and trade investments where it does not. The results of associated companies have in total been immaterial and, therefore, such companies have been treated as trade investments with only income received taken up in the consolidated Profit and Loss Account. The sales and operating profits of associated companies and trade investments are not included in the Concern figures.

With effect in the consolidated accounts from 1st January, 1977 our shareholding in UAC of Nigeria was reduced from 60 per cent to 40 per cent and that company therefore ceased to be a subsidiary and became an associated company. Consequently, UAC of Nigeria sales and operating profit are no longer in the consolidated figures. After UAC of Nigeria became an associated company total results of associated companies became material and a change in accounting policy was required. As from 1st January, 1977, therefore, whilst the sales of associated companies continue to be excluded our share in their results is shown separately after operating profit.

The 1976 figures are restated on the new accounting basis; sales and operating profit for that year are unaffected but profit before taxation and profit attributable are increased by some 1 per cent over the originally published figures, due to the inclusion of our share of results from associated companies which were previously treated as trade investments.

Combined Results (£ millions)

Fourth Quarter 1977	Fourth Quarter 1976	Increase/(Decrease)		Full Year 1977	Full Year 1976	Increase/(Decrease) Closing Rates	Increase/(Decrease) Comparable Rates
2,460	2,286	+8%	SALES TO THIRD PARTIES—Combined	9,147	8,731	+5%	+11%
1,076	1,036		—Limited	3,958	3,772		
1,384	1,250		—N.V.	5,189	4,959		
136.5	134.1	+2%	OPERATING PROFIT	541.0	632.4	—(14%)	—(9%)
(13.5)	0.8		Non-recurring items	(9.2)	(9.9)		
			Concern share of associated companies' profit before taxation				
16.1	3.9			58.9	13.7		
(0.1)	0.8		Income from trade investments	0.9	2.2		
(13.6)	(5.7)		Interest	(41.0)	(27.6)		
(10.1)	(10.7)		Interest on loan capital	(43.0)	(41.1)		
(3.5)	5.0		Other interest	2.0	13.5		
125.4	133.9	—(6%)	TOTAL CONCERN PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	550.6	610.8	—(10%)	—(5%)
			Taxation on profit of the year:				
(46.5)	(66.9)		Parent companies and their subsidiaries	(244.3)	(288.9)		
(7.9)	(0.3)		Associated companies	(27.8)	(4.7)		
			Taxation adjustments previous years:				
0.6	9.9		Parent companies and their subsidiaries	(0.2)	6.9		
(0.8)	(0.4)		Associated companies	(0.6)	(0.4)		
(4.4)	(5.8)		Outside interests and preference dividends	(20.3)	(37.0)		
(3.4)	(4.8)		Outside interests	(16.6)	(33.2)		
(1.0)	(1.0)		Preference dividends	(3.7)	(3.8)		
66.6	70.4	—(5%)	Total concern profit attributable to ordinary capital —Fourth Quarter at comparable rates	257.4	286.7	—(10%)	—(5%)
			—Year at closing rates				
(4.3)			Difference on recalculation of Fourth Quarter 1977 results at 1977 closing rates				
62.3	70.4	—(12%)	TOTAL CONCERN PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY CAPITAL	257.4	286.7	—(10%)	—(5%)
40.9	47.9		—Limited	150.8	143.0		
21.4	22.5		—N.V.	106.6	143.7		
			Dividends on ordinary and deferred capital	(94.7)	(94.4)		
			—Limited	(31.9)	(30.4)		
			—N.V.	(62.8)	(64.0)		
			Profit of the year retained	162.7	192.3		
16.77p	18.97p	—(12%)	Earnings per 25p of capital	69.29p	77.20p	—(10%)	—(5%)

Results—Fourth Quarter

In the fourth quarter sales were 8 per cent higher than in the previous year but increase in volume was negligible.

Operating profits were 2 per cent above those of the corresponding quarter of 1976 but non-recurring items included in this quarter were substantial and caused profit before taxation to be 6 per cent down. Amongst these non-recurring items are provisions for costs of re-organisation in some of our companies, including our meat business in the Netherlands.

In the depressed European markets there was a small fall in volume. In the quarter the results in Europe of most of the consumer goods operations, edible fats and dairy, frozen products, detergents and toilet preparations were better than in 1976, but other groups fell short.

In North America profits were at about the same level as in the same quarter of 1976; those in other countries outside Europe showed a good improvement.

The Year

For the year as a whole sales rose by 11 per cent at comparable rates entirely due to higher selling prices. The first half-year showed a satisfactory growth but economic conditions worsened in the second half-year, particularly in Europe. The cold and wet summer also affected some of our businesses unfavourably. As a result, profits in Europe for nearly all product groups were below those of 1976 and margins remained unsatisfactory.

In the United States, Lipton Inc. achieved good results but Lever Brothers had a difficult year.

UAC International continued to do well and total results of other overseas countries showed an improvement over last year.

Interest earnings were down—mainly because of lower interest rates.

Total results were influenced throughout the year by the effect of the change in the shareholding of UAC of Nigeria. Based on a comparison with 1976 figures adjusted to show the effect of this change and at comparable exchange rates, sales for the year would have risen in value by 16 per cent, while operating profits for the year would have risen by 6 per cent.

Dividends

The Boards today resolved to recommend to the Annual General Meetings to be held on 17th May, 1978 the declaration of final dividends in respect of 1977 on the Ordinary capitals at the following rates, which are equivalent in value at today's rate of exchange in terms of the Equalisation Agreement between the two companies:

LIMITED 12.19p per original 25p Ordinary share (1976: 11.89p), bringing the total of LIMITED's dividend declarations for 1977 to 19.83p per share (1976: 19.35p).

N.V. Fl. 5.16 per Fl. 20 Ordinary capital (1976: Fl. 5.16), bringing the total of N.V.'s dividend for 1977 to Fl. 8.56 per Fl. 20 Ordinary capital (1976: Fl. 8.36).

The N.V. final dividend will be paid on 30th May, 1978.

N.V.'s final dividend is equal to N.V.'s final dividend for 1976. It is the provisions of the Equalisation Agreement which require the small increase in LIMITED's final dividend shown above. LIMITED's total dividend declarations for 1977 (19.83p per share) if paid in full would consequently exceed the dividend payments for 1976 (which totalled 11.30p) by more than the statutory limit of 10 per cent currently in force for United Kingdom companies. As before the Treasury have agreed to such declarations by LIMITED, subject to the condition that the total amount paid to shareholders by way of dividends for 1977 is kept within the statutory limit and payment of the balance of 1977 dividends is postponed.

It is therefore again proposed to make the final dividend of LIMITED payable by instalments. The first instalment of 7.84p per share will be paid on 30th May, 1978 to shareholders registered on 5th May, 1978. This payment will bring LIMITED's dividend payments for 1977 up to 12.50p per share which after making the necessary adjustments for the change in the rate of Advance Corporation Tax in 1977, is within the statutory limit. The balance of LIMITED's 1977 final dividend which together with the deferred balance of earlier dividends will amount in total to 25.12p per share, will be paid when circumstances permit to holders of Ordinary capital now in issue registered at the time of payment.

The dividend declarations of LIMITED for 1976 shown above include the further payment of 0.11p per share in respect of the final dividend for 1976 made on 23rd December, 1977 as a consequence of the rate of United Kingdom Advance Corporation Tax having been changed from 35/65ths to 34/66ths subsequent to the Annual General Meeting on 11th May, 1977.

Shareholders are reminded that for the purpose of equalising dividends under the Equalisation Agreement the United Kingdom Advance Corporation Tax in respect of any dividend paid by LIMITED has to be treated as part of the dividend. If the rate of United Kingdom Advance Corporation Tax is changed from the current rate of 34/66ths before payment of the dividend now recommended has been completed, the figures now announced will be adjusted accordingly and a further announcement made.

The Report and Accounts for 1977 will be published on 26th April, 1978.

7th March, 1978

Scottish United Investors

...ontinued faith in overseas investment

...spite the standstill in net asset values in 1977, we ...old to the longer term view that the real worth of ...seas investments in terms of present and future ...ngs *potential will again, in 1978 or 1979, be* ...ted in their market valuation.

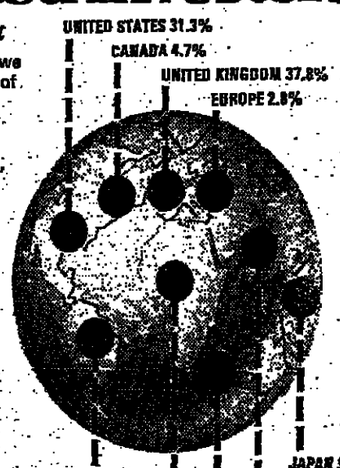
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...e board, maintaining its policy, recommended ...hese earnings should be substantially ...buted, and, following the increased interim ...end of 0.65p, has proposed a final dividend ...35p to make 2.0p for the year against 1.70p ...376 and at the same time a scrip issue of 1 for 4 ...capital reserve. *Robert C. Smith, Chairman*

...ummary of the Year

	1977	1976
...tal assets	£92,456,388	£87,852,039
...t assets	75,531,288	77,234,465
...t asset value	104p	106p
...oss revenue	3,891,524	3,560,729
...t revenue	1,429,334	1,155,879
...vidend	2.0p	1.7p

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Sudden reversal in demand and fall in pulp prices check Inveresk

By Victor Felstead

In spite of being hit hard by the fall in pulp prices in the second half of last year, Inveresk Group still managed to push pre-tax profits for 1977 up by 38.6 per cent to £2.15m. Sales were 36.9 per cent higher at £70.81m.

The year's profits are after charging, among other items, £900,000 for the estimated effect of the "exceptional" fall in *pulp prices*; there was no similar charge in 1976. Pre-tax profits in the first 24 weeks jumped from £291,000 to £1.52m, and consequently second-half's results were almost halved.

However, the total gross dividend is being raised from 6.7p to 7.25p.

Inveresk explains that the encouraging improvement in demand for paper and board which first became apparent in the last quarter of 1976 continued throughout the first half of 1977. Afterwards, this trend, which had included some inventory rebuilding by customers, was reversed rather suddenly and the resulting lower level of demand persisted for the rest of the year, reflecting the slight decline in UK economic activity. There had been some reduction in customers' inventories in the second half. Export sales climbed from £2.4m to £3.8m.

What dominated the last quarter was the fall in the market price of woodpulp, the chief raw material, which is sold in US dollars. This fall stemmed from excess capacity and high inventories in the hands of some suppliers. Additionally, the strength of the pound against the dollar further cut the sterling cost of pulp. This enabled margins for some products to be restored to more acceptable levels. But some stock losses were incurred.

Pressures on the selling prices of most grades of paper have been "considerable". In some market sectors, this price weakness developed before the fall in pulp prices. However, since the start of 1978, pulp prices have stabilized and there has been no significant variation in the value of sterling against the dollar.

CH Inds' 'rights' as £875,000 forecast

By Michael Clark

C. H. Industrials, the motor accessories to paint group, is expecting pre-tax profits for the full year to March 31, to reach about £875,000. This compares with last year's record of £624,000 and the figure of only £136,000 for 1976.

This news accompanies the terms of the group's rights issue which is 25p a share at one-for-six. It is hoped the rights will raise about £410,000 which will help towards making further acquisitions. At present the group is "actively investigating" a number of potential acquisitions in areas complementary to its present business and the board wants to have enough funds available.

The board reaffirms its intention to pay dividends for the year totalling 3.03p gross and has already paid an interim dividend of 1.13p. The new shares will rank for the final dividend of 1.89p.

Back in November the group, headed by stockbroker Mr Tim Hearley, reported half-time pre-tax profits more than doubled at £453,000. Turnover soared from £2.7m to £6.3m.

The results included a £100,000 contribution from the group's recent acquisition Beaver Group.

Yesterday the shares remained unchanged at 30½p.

Bibby pleases with record £6m and prospect of more to come

By Tony May

A jump of nearly 48 per cent in profits for 1977 and the prospect of another record result for the curent yea sent shares of J. Bibby & Sons up 4p to 195p yesterday. Sales of this animal feeds, farm products and edible oils group rose 15 per cent to £168.2m while pre-tax profits were a record £6.1m against £4.1m. The results include *10 months of the Norfolk* Newlay Egg and N. Reich subsidiaries which were sold to Ross Poultry for £2m including loan repayments on November 4.

Profits are stated before a reduced extraordinary credit of £279,000 against £564,000. This includes £725,000 from Liquifin of Liechtenstein and is the final settlement due for the purchase of a former subsidiary, Cip Zoo. This, and better trading profits, has enabled the board to reduce group borrowings by £4.8m.

In the current year the board expects a further increase in profits.

Over the past year the feeds and seeds division performed well and exceeded both its volume and profit objectives in spite o fa reduced market size and hardening competition. For the current year, however, board thinks that it is unlikely to do as well, especially in first half year.

The outlook for the other divisions is good. The farm products side comfortably beat previous record and is set for a further rise this year. Edible oils achieved a substantial increase in its trading surplus mainly as a result of a better performance by the refining section. The paper and converted products division has significantly improved its profit and both it and Edible Oils is on target for further improvements this year.

Business appointments

Top changes in Fisons divisions

Mr J. Valentine, chairman of Fisons scientific equipment and horticulture division, become a vice-chairman of the group and head of the pharmaceutical division. There, he succeeds Mr H. P. P. Hodgkins, who will be senior deputy chairman of the group when Mr A. Robinson retires in May. Mr Robinson continues as chairman of the boards of Fisons North American companies.

Mr H. J. Blackboro will be moving to Fisons pharmaceutical division as managing director on May 1. Mr F. J. Heath, a deputy chairman, is made chairman of Fisons scientific division and Mr J. S. Kerridge, chairman of the horticulture division. Mr Kerridge remains chairman of Fisons fertilizer division. Mr A. C. Allen, managing director of Fisons pharmaceutical division, becomes executive main board director responsible for Fisons business in North America. Mr D. G. King, Fisons group secretary, it made managing director of Fisons, Australia. Mr E. Cameron becomes group secretary.

Mr J. A. Wilde, chairman and chief executive of Vosper Shiprepairers Ltd, has been reappointed a non-executive director of Vosper Thornycroft (UK). Mr A. P. Shaw, chairman and chief executive of VT (UK) becomes a non-executive director of VSL. Mr A. Tackesy, director of shiprepairing, British Shipbuilders, becomes a non-executive director of VSL. Mr J. N. Jefferson is made a director and general manager of VSL. Mr H. Melvin resigns as financial director (VSL) and is replaced by Mr C. E. Johnson. Mr J. Grant resigns as a director and company secretary (VSL) and is replaced by Mr D. Barclay as company secretary.

Mr H. R. Palmer and Mrs F. M. Jones have been made directors of Capital and County Laundries.

Mr Michael Mellor is now a director of Glynwed Distribution.

Glasgow broker to end trading

The Glasgow stockbroking firm of Todd, Wheate and Munro is to be dissolved by mutual agreement on March 10 when the firm will cease to trade, the partners announced yesterday.

Its business will be incorporated with that of Wilson, Scott & Co, also of Glasgow. On March 10, Messrs H. S. Livingstone, W. M. Hamilton and R. French will become associated with Wilson, Scott. Mr H. Wheate is retiring from Todd, Wheate & Munro on March 10.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Coupon this week is again 8½ per cent but at 99 15-16 per cent. Biggest borrowers are Leeds with £2m, Herefordshire and Oldham with £1 each. A £500,000 variable bond is arranged by Borders.

PETER BLACK HOLDINGS

Arrangements made to fund group's total borrowings—£2.25m of existing secured short-term borrowings has been converted into a secured 10-year loan from County Bank.

W. WHITTINGHAM

Chairman of William Whittingham (Holdings) views current year with considerable confidence. Group's housebuilding activities will be profitable.

GUINNESS PEAT

Guinness Mahonmadd, member of Guinness Peat Group, has bought substantial interest in Banco Inter Atlantico de Investimento with offices in Rio de Janeiro.

A. P. BANK

A. P. Bank (member of the Norwich Union Insurance Group) reports net profits for 1977 of £635,000, against £609,000 for 1976.

THOMAS MARSHALL

Directors of Thomas Marshall (Loxity) say talks are still in progress which may, or may not, lead to an offer. They regret the delay and will make further announcements on outcome of talks shortly.

SANDHURST MEETING

Board is confident that results for year will be most encouraging.

Second Broadmount's rival plan to block Chieftain

The extraordinary general meeting of Second Broadmount Trust that Chieftain unit trust group managed to requisition after having mobilized shareholder support for its unitization proposals will take place on April 14 but it looks as if its plans, in the event, will come to nothing as Second Broadmount, advised by merchant bankers Arbuthnot Latham, has itself come up with another unitization plan in conjunction with Target unit trust group.

Details of the Target scheme are to be released next week and although they are expected to be very similar to those put forward by Chieftain—which involved the creation of a new unit trust to absorb the £4m. Second Broadmount investment trust—the board, which controls 41.6 per cent of the equity, believe that the Target scheme does have certain advantages. Target's plan was one of several put to the board in the days following Chieftain's original proposals.

Comet now bids £3.36m for Henry Wigfall

Comet Radiovision has increased its offer for Henry Wigfall. The new terms are seven ordinary 5p shares in Comet, credited as fully paid, plus £20 cash for every 100 ordinary shares of Wigfall. This values each Wigfall share at £3.36. The preference offer remains unchanged. The offers will be extended to March 22 or such later date being not later than April 19. Comet may decided.

The proposed acquisition will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Late last night Wigfall's board again rejected the offer as "wholly inadequate".

Greenfield Milletts stays optimistic

Rigid cost controls have increased efficiency and Greenfield Milletts to push pre-tax profits up from £746,000 to a record £955,000. Nine new stores were opened and several more are planned this year. The directors are optimistic about prospects for the current year. As well as new branches, the group's own brand lines should provide increasing benefits this year, and the group is also introducing a discount scheme for shareholders.

Bank statements for February

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man made up to February 15 are summarized in the table below:

£ millions

	Total	Change on Month	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	National Westminster
Total deposits	50,214	—114	13,872	9,366	10,450	14,857
Cash and balances with Bank of Eng	1,096	+4	332	199	236	292
Market loans:						
UK banks and discount market	10,467	+263	2,676	2,597	1,744	3,406
Other	9,515	—140	3,586	2,417	1,642	3,697
Bills	1,125	+73	260	120	417	306
Special deposits	812	+18	253	118	178	236
British government stocks	2,099	—10	490	455	344	653
Advances	26,466	+424	7,847	3,969	6,037	7,721
Parent banks Reserve ratio (%)	12.9	—0.7	12.9	12.6	12.8	13.0

De Beers

Provisional Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 1977 and Notice of Declaration of Dividend no. 116 on the Deferred Shares

The following are unaudited abridged versions of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1977, together with comparative figures for the year ended 31st December 1976, which should be read in conjunction with the subjoined note.

Consolidated income statement

	1977 R'000	1976 R'000
Diamond account	751 155	451 543
Interest and dividend income	169 079	93 624
Other revenue	22 470	13 833
Surplus on realization of fixed assets	67	(3)
	942 771	558 997
Deduct:		
Prospecting and research	25 854	20 262
General charges	18 879	17 210
Interest payable	3 618	4 755
Amounts written off investments less surplus on realization of investments	6 313	(3 146)
	54 664	39 081
Group profit before tax	888 107	519 916
Deduct:		
Taxation and Government's share of profits under mining leases	254 618	182 915
Group profit after tax	633 489	337 001
Deduct:		
Outside interests in subsidiary companies	10 174	28 485
Group profit after tax attributable to De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited	623 315	308 516
Appropriations:		
Transfers to reserves	311 635	163 823
Preference dividends	1 821	1 821
Deferred dividends—52.5 cents per share (1976: 35 cents)	188 889	125 926
	502 345	291 570
	120 970	16 946
Earnings per equity share	172.7 cents	85.2 cents

Consolidated balance sheet

	1977 R'000	1976 R'000
Issued share capital:		
Preference shares	3 978	3 978
Second preference shares	2 867	2 867
Deferred shares	17 989	17 989
	24 834	24 834
Non-distributable reserves	176 478	173 884
Distributable reserves	1 253 039	922 949
	1 454 351	1 121 667
Less: Excess of cost of shares in subsidiary companies over book value of net assets at dates of acquisition	27 572	28 933
	1 426 779	1 092 734
Outside interests in subsidiary companies	72 070	107 300
Long-term liabilities	40 886	41 443
Current liabilities	527 099	346 981
	2 066 834	1 588 458
Fixed assets:		
Claims, mining interests and property	72 205	60 325
Plant, permanent works and buildings	42 127	35 241
Unlisted trade investments	56 195	38 258
	170 527	133 824
Stores and materials	26 888	22 722
Diamonds on hand	220 745	227 501
Listed investments (Market value R612 446 000 1976: R342 308 000)	395 489	267 088
Unlisted investments (Directors' valuation R177 094 000 1976: R153 218 000)	77 540	116 993
Long-term loans	72 425	77 846
Loan portion of tax	73 915	52 563
Cash	683 147	470 279
Other current assets	346 158	219 642
	2 066 834	1 588 458

Note:
As mentioned in the interim report, as a result of a further re-arrangement of shareholdings in the diamond trading companies, the Group disposed of 3 per cent of the share capital of The Diamond Purchasing and Trading Company (Proprietary) Limited ("Purtra") which consequently ceased to be a subsidiary company. The results for the year are therefore not directly comparable with 1976 because Purtra's results have not been consolidated and only dividends received from the company are included.

Directorate
Mr N. F. Oppenheimer was appointed a director of the Company on 7th March 1978.

Diamond Market

The demand for rough diamonds is at an exceptionally high level, but nevertheless there are aspects of the market situation which give cause for concern. Consumer demand continues to be very firm but in addition there has developed in recent months a high level of speculative trading which has carried the price of rough diamonds in the open market to levels which are not justified in relation to prices at consumer level. Stocks at inflated prices have accumulated in the cutting centres and are largely financed by bank credit which is now at a level substantially higher than that needed to finance the normal working of the industry. The market should be alert to the dangers inherent in this situation

Declaration of dividend No. 116 on the deferred shares

Dividend No. 116 of 35 cents per share (1976: 22.5 cents) being the final dividend for the year ended 31st December 1977, has been declared payable to the holders of deferred shares registered in the books of the Company at the close of business on 23rd March 1978, and to persons presenting coupon No. 60 detached from deferred share warrants to bearer. This dividend, together with the interim dividend of 17.5 cents per share declared on 23rd August 1977, makes a total of 52.5 cents per share for the year (1976: 35 cents). A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. 60 detached from share warrants to bearer, will be published in the press by the London Secretaries of the Company on or about 16th March 1978.

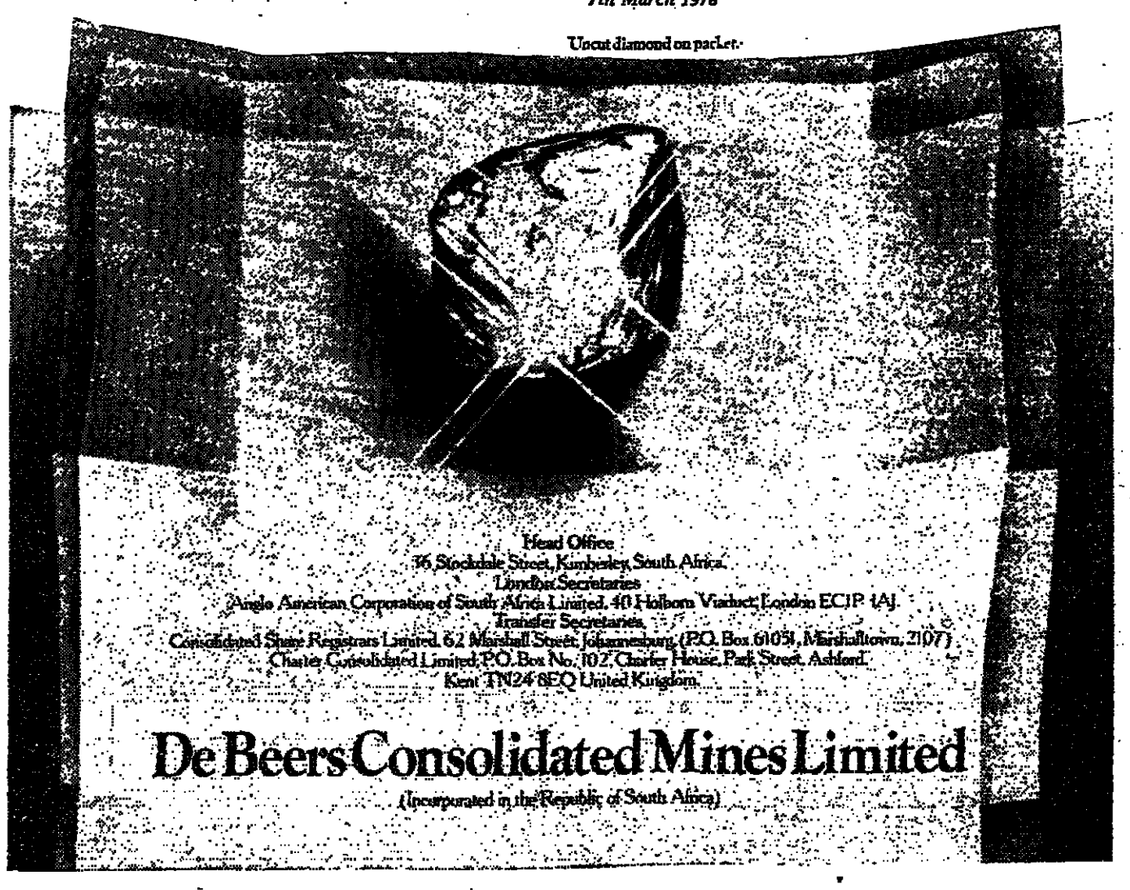
The deferred share transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from 24th March 1978 to 7th April 1978, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom transfer offices on or about 27th April 1978. Registered shareholders paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 18th April 1978 of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such shareholders may, however, elect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the Company's transfer offices in Johannesburg or the United Kingdom on or before 23rd March 1978.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 15 per cent.

The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head office and London office of the Company and also at the Company's transfer offices in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.

For and on behalf of the Board
H. F. Oppenheimer } Directors
A. Wilson

7th March 1978



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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Discount market

...ses took a fairly relaxed ...f things at the start of what ...pected to be a day of ample ... yesterday. But a late swing ... the market caused a bit of ... with overnight money push... to touch 8 per cent in the ...nk market, compared with ... cent or so earlier in the ...

...Bank of England assisted ...arket by way of small pur... of Treasury Bills directly ...he houses, which was prob... sufficient to meet require...

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½%
(Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 6 Low 5½
Week Fixed: 5¾-6

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
5¾	2 months	5⅝	2 months
6	3 months	5¾	3 months

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

6⅛-6¼	3 months	7¼	
6¼-6⅜	4 months	7¼	
7-6⅞	6 months	7¼	
7⅛-7¼			

Local Authority Bonds

7-6⅞	7 months	7½-7	
7-6⅞	8 months	7½-7	
7-6⅞	9 months	8½-7⅞	
7½-7	10 months	8¼-7⅞	
7½-7	11 months	8¼-7⅞	
7½-7	12 months	8½-8	

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

6⅝-6¼	6 months	7⅛-7	
7-6⅞	12 months	8⅛-8	

Local Authority Market (%)

6¼	3 months	6⅞	
6⅞	6 months	7⅛	
6¾-6⅞	1 year	8¼	

Interbank Market (%)
Open 6-5¾ Close 7½

6¼-6⅞	6 months	8-7⅞	
6¾-7	9 months	8¼-8	
7⅛-7	12 months	8⅝-8½	

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
7⅛ 6 months 8¼

Finance House Base Rate 7½

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
...d Sec 8% Cnv Pf (£1)	132
...on Chel 14½% 85-7 (£100)	£22¾
...ble 1982 (£100)	£100¾
...x Wtr 7% 1983 (£*a)	£12 prem
...10½% Ptly Cnv 1993-98	£10½
...10½% 1984-85 (£99¼a)	£40¾
...ble 1983 (£99¾)	£100

ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
... Prop (70)	Apr 4	11 prem+1
... Aust (SA1.75c) Mar 30		120
... (?)	Apr 7	27 prem-3

...ice in parentheses. * Ex dividend. ...y tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 ...l paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully ...A1 paid. h £55 paid. i £45 paid.

Bank Base Rates

... Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
B.C.I.	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	6½%
C. London Secs	6½%
Hoare & Co	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Westminster Acc's	6½%
...	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

...day deposits on sums of ...,000 and under 3½%, up ... £25,000 3¾%, over ...,000 4¼%.

Wall Street

New York, March 6.—Stock prices fell over a broad area following rejection by striking coal miners of a tentative work contract.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.59 points to 742.72.

New York, March 7.—Stocks struggled for direction in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was ahead 0.53 point to 743.25 shortly before 11 am.

Market breadth figures reflected considerable investor uncertainty of the 1,393 issues crossing the tape, 484 advanced 382 declined and 527 remained unchanged.

First-hour volume amounted to about 4,700,000 shares, compared with 4,610,000 traded during the same period on Monday.

Gold gains up to $3.70

GOLD closed up to $3.70 higher. NY COMEX: March $186.10; April $188.30; May $188.30; June $189.80; Aug $192.50; Oct $195.20; Dec $197.90; Feb $200.60; April $203.60; June $206.60; Aug $209.60; Oct $212.60; Dec $215.60. CHICAGO IMM: March $186.50-186.70 bid; June $189.70-189.80; Sept $194.00; Dec $198.10-198.30 bid; March $202.30; June $206.80 bid; Sept $211.10 bid; Dec $215.60.

SILVER closed barely steady. March 505.50c; April 508.10c; May 511.80c; July 519.30c; Sept 526.80c; Dec 538.50c; Jan 543.30c; March 550.20c; May 558.10c; July 566.00c; Sept 574.00c; Dec 586.00c; Jan 590.00c. Handy and Harman of Canada $5.606 ($5.598).

COPPER closed barely steady. March 56.30c; April 56.50c; May 57.00c; July 58.00c; Sept 59.00c; Dec 60.50c; Jan 61.00c; March 62.00c; May 63.00c; July 64.00c; Sept 65.00c; Dec 66.60c; Jan 67.10c.

SUGAR futures fell, finishing 0.18 to 0.10c lower. May 8.47-48c; July 8.82-83c; Sept 9.08-09c; Oct 9.22-25c; Jan 9.80-85c; March 9.95-98c; May 10.16-18c; July 10.32-35c.

COCOA futures eased from their highs on late trade selling and speculative liquidation but still finished 5.50 to 4.18 cents up.—March 157.75c; May 146.40c; July 142.00c; Sept 139.00c; Dec 134.00c; March 132.00c; May 130.16c; July 128.30c.

COFFEE futures generally closed 3.68 to 1.51 cents lower.—March 169.60-70.00c; May 149.25-75c; July 134.25c; Sept 129.00-30.00c; Dec 118.00c; March 115.50-6.25c; May 114.00-50c; July 114.00-6.00c.

COTTON futures finished 0.32 to 0.15 cents higher.—March 55.40c; May 56.95-7.08c; July 58.30-40c; Oct 59.40c; Dec 59.95-99c; March 61.05-20c; May 61.50-80c; July 61.65-90c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Soyabean futures retreated from early highs, closing three to ¾ cents higher.—SOYABEANS: March 616.17c; May 626-4¼c; July 629¼-28c; Aug 627¼-8c; Sept 603c; Nov 595¼-6¼c; Jan 601-3c; March 611¾c. SOYABEAN OIL: March 24.30-25c; May 23.60-75c; July 23.45-50c; Aug 23.00-05c; Sept 22.20c; Oct 21.45c; Dec 21.20-30c; Jan 21.06-10c; March 21.05-10c. SOYABEAN MEAL: March $160.50; May $162.70-50; July $165.00-20; Aug $165.00-50; Sept $163.00-50; Oct $158.60-9.00; Dec $160.50-1.00; Jan $161.50-2.00; March $164.50-5.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—The spot contract in wheat finished near its high with a gain of 4¼ cents a bushel.

	Mar 6	Mar 3
Allied Chem	36¼	35⅞
Allied Stores	19⅝	20
Allied Supermkt	2⅛	2⅛
Allis Chalmers	23⅞	24⅛
Alcoa	39	39
Amax Inc	33⅝	33⅝
Amerada Hess	24	23¾
Am Airlines	9⅛	9⅛
Am Brands	44⅝	45
Am Broadcast	37⅞	37⅞
Am Can	34⅜	36⅛
Am Cyanamid	23⅞	24
Am Elec Power	22⅝	22⅝
Am Home	27	27
Am Motors	4⅛	4¼
Am Nat Res	40⅝	40
Am Standard	34	34
Am Telephone	59¾	59¾
AMF Inc	16½	16½
Armco Steel	26⅝	26⅝
Asarco	15½	15⅝
Ashland Oil	28¼	28⅝
Atlantic Richfield	43⅝	43⅞
Avco	19	18⅞
Avon Products	44⅞	45
Babcock & Wcox	57⅝	58
Bankers Tst NY	34½	34⅞
Bank of America	21	21⅜
Bank of NY	30⅝	30⅝
Beatrice Foods	22⅝	22⅞
Bell & Howell	18¼	18¼
Bendix	34⅝	35½
Bethlehem Steel	20⅞	21⅛
Boeing	33⅞	33⅞
Boise Cascade	23	23⅝
Burden	28⅝	28⅞
Borg Warner	26⅝	26⅞
Bristol Myers	28⅝	29
BP	13¾	13⅝
Budd	32	32
Burlington Ind	19⅝	19⅝
Burlington Nthn	36⅝	36⅝
Burroughs	59	59⅜
Campbell Soup	32⅝	33⅜
Canadian Pacific	15	14⅞
Caterpillar	48⅛	48⅜
Celanese	36⅝	36⅛
Central Soya	13⅛	13½
Charter NY	27⅛	27⅞
Chase Manhat	28⅝	28½
Chem Bank NY	37½	37⅝
Chesapeake Ohio	32⅝	32⅝
Chrysler	10⅝	10½
Citicorp	19⅝	20⅛
Cities Service	45½	46⅝
Clark Equip	31⅝	31⅝
Coca Cola	36⅝	37
Colgate	19½	18⅞
CBS	44	44
Columbia Gas	28⅝	28⅝
Combustion Eng	32⅝	32⅝
Comwlth Edison	27	27⅛
Cons Edison	22⅞	22⅞
Cons Foods	23⅞	23⅞
Cons Power	22⅝	22⅞
Continental Grp	28⅜	28½
Continental Oil	27	27
Control Data	24	24⅛
Corning Glass	45⅝	46
CPC Intnl	44⅝	45⅝
Crane	28½	28⅝
Crocker Int	24⅞	25⅛
Crown Zeller	28⅞	28⅝
Dart Ind	38⅝	38⅝
Deere	23	23½
Del Monte	23⅝	24⅛
Delta Air	37	37⅛
Detroit Edison	16⅝	16⅛
Disney	32⅝	33
Dow Chemical	22⅝	22⅝
Dresser Ind	36⅝	36⅝
Duke Power	20	20
Du Pont	99	99⅛
Eastern Air	6⅛	6⅛
Eastman Kodak	41⅛	41⅞
Eaton Corp	33½	33½
El Paso Nat Gas	14½	15
Equitable Life	24⅛	24⅛
Esmark	25⅜	25⅜
Evans P. D.	14⅝	14⅝
Exxon Corp	44⅛	44½
Fed Dept Stores	34⅛	34
Firestone	13⅛	13⅛
Fst Chicago	17⅛	17⅛

	Mar 6	Mar 3
Fst Nat Boston	26⅛	26
Fst Penn Corp	16⅝	16½
Ford	43½	43⅝
GAF Corp	10⅛	10⅛
Gamble Skogmo	27	27½
Gen Dynamics	40⅝	41
Gen Electric	44⅞	44⅞
Gen Foods	26⅝	26⅞
Gen Mills	27⅞	28
Gen Motors	58⅛	58½
Gen Pub Util NY	19¼	19¼
Gen Tel Elec	28⅝	28⅝
Gen Tire	24⅝	24½
Genesco	3⅞	3⅞
Georgia Pacific	24⅝	24⅝
Getty Oil	159½	160
Gillette	25	25
Goodrich	19⅝	19⅝
Goodyear	15⅞	16
Gould Inc	25	24⅞
Grace	24⅝	24⅝
Gt Atltc & Pacific	7⅞	8
Greyhound	13	13
Grumman Corp	16	16
Gulf Oil	24⅛	24⅛
Gulf & West	11⅞	11⅞
Heinz H. J.	37	37⅛
Hercules	12⅞	13
Honeywell	43⅝	44⅛
IC Inds	23⅝	23⅝
Ingersoll	53½	53⅞
Inland Steel	34⅝	34⅝
IBM	241	245
Int Harvester	27⅛	27½
INCO	13½	13½
Int Paper	36⅝	36
Int Tel Tel	27⅞	27⅞
Jewel Co	17⅞	17⅞
Jim Walter	27⅞	27⅝
Johns-Manville	29⅞	29⅞
Johnson & John	67⅛	67⅝
Kaiser Alumin	28⅝	28⅝
Kennecott	24⅛	23⅞
Kerr McGee	42⅝	41⅞
Kimberly Clark	42	42⅝
Kraftco Corp	43	42⅝
K Mart	23⅞	24⅛
Kroger	28⅞	28⅝
Liggett Group	27⅞	27⅞
L.T.V. Corp	5½	5⅝
Litton	15	15⅛
Lockheed	14⅛	14⅛
Lucky Stores	13⅜	13⅝
Manuf Hanover	29	29⅛
Mapco	31	31
Marathon Oil	41⅝	41⅛
Marine Midland	12	12⅛
Martin Marietta	23⅞	23⅞
McDonnell	23⅞	23⅞
Mead	17⅝	17⅞
Merck	51⅛	51⅝
Minnesota Mng	44⅝	45
Mobil Oil	59⅛	59⅛
Monsanto	44⅝	44⅞
Morgan J. P.	40⅛	40⅛
Motorola	35⅛	35⅛
NCR Corp	40⅛	40⅛
NL Industries	15⅞	15⅞
Nabisco	47⅞	48⅛
Nat Distillers	21½	21½
Nat Steel	29⅝	29½
Norfolk West	25⅛	25
NW Bancorp	22	21⅞
Norton Simon	16⅝	17⅛
Occidental Pet	22	22⅞
Ogden	25⅞	24
Olin Corp	14⅛	14
Owens-Illinois	20⅞	21⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	24⅛	24⅛
Pan Am	5	4⅞
Penney J. C.	33⅞	34⅛
Pennzoil	28⅝	28⅝
Pepsico	24⅞	25
Pet Inc	36⅝	37⅞
Pfizer	25⅞	26⅛
Phelps Dodge	17⅝	18
Philip Morris	58⅛	58⅝
Phillips Petrol	28⅝	28⅝
Polaroid	25⅝	25⅞
PPG Ind	24⅝	24⅞
Proctor Gamble	76	76½
Pub Ser El & Gas	21⅛	21⅞
Pullman	24	24⅛
Rapid American	7⅛	7⅛

	Mar 6	Mar 3
Raytheon	35⅞	32⅞
RCA Corp	24⅝	24
Republic Steel	23½	23
Reynolds Ind	55⅝	54⅝
Reynolds Metal	23⅝	23⅝
Rockwell Int	30½	30⅝
Royal Dutch	57½	57⅞
Safeways	35⅝	36
St Regis Paper	27	28⅛
Santa Fe Ind	34	34¼
SCM	16½	16⅞
Schlumberger	64⅞	65⅞
Scott Paper	13	17⅞
Seaboard Coast	30	31
Seagram	21⅞	21⅞
Sears Roebuck	24⅝	24⅞
Shell Oil	30⅝	30½
Shell Trans	38	39
Signal Co	28	28½
Singer	18½	18⅛
Sony	7½	7⅝
Sth Cal Edison	25⅛	25⅛
Southern Pacific	31⅞	32⅛
Southern Rly	45⅝	45⅝
Sperry Rand	33⅝	33⅝
Squibb	22⅝	22⅝
Std Brands	22½	22⅝
Std Oil Califnia	37⅞	38⅝
Std Oil Indiana	44½	44⅝
Std Oil Ohio	61½	61⅛
Sterling Drug	12⅞	13
Stevens J. P.	14⅝	14⅝
Stude Worth	48⅛	48⅝
Sunbeam Corp	18⅝	18
Sun Comp	35½	35⅝
Teledyne	73⅝	74½
Tenneco	28⅞	28⅞
Texaco	25⅞	25⅞
Texas East Trans	38⅛	39⅞
Texas Inst	62⅞	63⅞
Texas Utilities	19⅝	20⅛
Textron	23⅝	23⅝
TWA	12⅞	12⅞
Travelers Corp	29⅝	29⅝
TRW Inc	32⅝	32⅝
UAL Inc	20⅛	20⅛
Unilever Ltd	36⅝	37⅝
Unilever NV	56½	56⅞
Union Bancorp	13	13
Union Carbide	38⅝	38⅝
Union Oil Calif	49⅛	49⅛
Un Pacific Corp	42⅝	42½
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Brands	7⅛	7⅛
US Industries	7⅛	7⅛
US Steel	26	26⅞
Utd Technol	34⅝	35
Wachovia	16⅛	16⅛
Warner Comm	32⅝	32⅝
Warner Lambert	26⅝	26⅝
Wells Fargo	25	25
West'n Bancorp	30	30⅛
Westinghse Elec	17⅞	17⅞
Weyerhauser	21⅝	22⅛
Whirlpool	21⅛	21⅛
White Motor	7	6⅞
Woolworth	17⅞	17⅞
Xerox Corp	41⅞	42⅝
Zenith	12	12⅛

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	11⅝	11½
Alcan Alumin	28⅝	28⅝
Algoma Steel	18	18
Bell Telephone	55⅝	55
Cominco	23⅝	23½
Cons Bathurst	22⅝	22⅝
Falconbridge	16⅝	16⅝
Gulf Oil	26⅝	26⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	5.86	5.88
Hudson Bay Min	15⅝	15⅝
Hudson Bay Oil	42⅝	42⅝
Imasco	31⅝	30⅞
Imperial Oil	19	18⅝
Int Pipe	13⅝	13⅝
Mass.-Fergsn	10⅝	10⅝
Royal Trust	16⅝	16⅝
Seagram	23⅝	23⅝
Steel Co	23½	23⅝
Talcorp	8⅝	8⅝
Thomson N 'A'	11⅝	11½
Walker Hiram	31½	31⅝
WCT	32	32⅝

*Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9400 (1.9405); three months, 1.9377 (1.9385); Canadian dollar 89.17 (89.29).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 353.35. The futures index was up 2.45 at 332.52.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials 742.72 (747.31); transportation, 1.9975 (201.65); utilities, 103.73 (105.65); 65 stocks, 260.66 (262.15). New York Stock Exchange index, 48.37 (48.67); industrials, 51.51 (51.87); transportation, 37.93 (38.24); utilities, 38.63 (38.74); financial, 50.06 (50.31).

WHEAT.—March, 270c; May, 272½c; July, 271-1½c; Sept, 275-5¼c; Dec, 282¼c; March, 288¼c. MAIZE.—March, 228¼-½c; May, 233¼-¾c; July, 235¼-¾c; Sept, 234¾c; Dec, 235¼-6¼c; March, 241½c. OATS.—March, 124c; May, 130¼-31c; July, 133¼c; Sept, 136½c; Dec, 140¼c.

Commodities

COPPER was very steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £650.50-51 a metric ton; three months, £640-45.50. Sales, 3,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £620-21; three months, £634-34.50. Sales, 600 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £628-28.50; three months, £642-42.50. Settlement, £628.50. Sales, 5,950 tons (half carries). Cash cathodes, £619-19.50; three months, £632.50-33. Settlement, £619.50. Sales, 1,125 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER ruled firm in afternoon dealings on the LME. Dealers said prices forged ahead under buying prompted by the trend in New York. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 267.90p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 518.75); three months, 273.50p (527.15c); six months, 278.00p (536.75c); one year, 289.80p (558.25c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 267-67.2p; three months, 271.7-71.8p. Sales, 145 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 262.5-62.8p; three months, 267.2-67.4p. Settlement, 262.8p. Sales, 57 lots (mainly carries).

TIN was steadier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,130-40 a metric ton; three months, £6,095-96. Sales, 265 tons. High grade, cash £0,000-00; three months, £6,093-61. Sales, 25 tons (a switch). Morning.—£6,130-40. Standard cash, £6,120-30; three months, £6,065-70. Settlement, £6,130. Sales, 550 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £6,120-30; three months, £6,065-75. Settlement, £6,130. Sales, 30 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,652.00 a picul.

LEAD was quietly steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £297-97.50 per metric ton; three months, £301-01.50. Sales, 700 tons. Morning.—Cash, £254-55; three months, £254.50-55; settlement, £255. Sales, 950 tons.

ZINC was quiet but steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £255.50-56.50 a metric ton; three months, £256-56.67. Sales, 800 tons. Morning.—Cash, £297-97.50; three months, £300-301. Settlement, £297.50. Sales, 1,450 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £120.85 ($334.00) a troy ounce.

RUBBER futures were easier (pence per kilo). April, 49.05-49.15; May, 49.30-49.70; Apr-June, 49.35-49.30; July-Sept, 50.95-51.05; Oct-Dec, 52.10-52.15; Jan-March, 53.40-53.50; April-June, 54.75-54.85; July-Sept, 56.00-56.20; Oct-Dec, 57.35-57.50. Sales, one lot at 5 tonnes and 272 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.—Spot, 48.50-49.50. Cifs. April, 49.15-49.25; May, 49.00-49.50.

COFFEE Robusta futures were steady. **ROBUSTAS** (£ per metric tonne): March, 1,616-17; May, 1,404-05; July, 1,303-04; Sept, 1,246-50; Nov, 1,206-14; Jan, 1,170-90; March, 1,140-75. Sales, 4,609 lots including 11 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 180.25-75; June, 163.30-63.60; Aug, 151.50-51.75; Oct, 142.25-42.75; Dec, 133.30-34.00; Feb, 129.00-31.00; April, 122.00-29.00. Sales, 88 lots.

PALM OIL was dull. March, £290.00-315.00 per metric ton; April, £297.00-312.00; May, £290.00-305.00; June, £277.00-85.00; July, £275.00-80.00; Aug, £263.00-72.00; Sept, £263.00-72.00; Oct, £263.00-72.00; Nov, £263.00-72.00.

COCOA futures were barely steady. March, £1,820.0-25 per metric ton; May, £1,722.0-25; July, £1,671.0-73; Sept, £1,635.0-40; Dec, £1,605.0-10; March, £1,570.0-90; May, 1,553.0-70. Sales, 6,664 lots including 24 options. ICCO prices: daily, 146.24c; 15-day average, 130.66c; 22-day average, 130.60c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were barely steady.—The London daily price of "raws" was £2.50 lower at £101.50; the "whites" price was £2.50 lower at £109.50. May, £106.40-06.50 per metric ton; Aug, £111.50-11.75; Oct, £115.50-15.60; Dec, £118.25-18.50; March, £124.00-24.50; May, £127.45-27.75; Aug, £130.00-30.50. Sales: 4,393 lots. ISA prices: 8.21c; 15-day average, 8.36c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—April, £112.00-12.50 per metric ton; June, £110.10-10.40; Aug, £110.10-10.50; Oct, £110.70-11.00; Dec, £107.00-08.00; Feb, £107.00-10.50; April, £108.00-13.50.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo): March, 219.0-22.0; May, 226.0-29.0; July, 232.0-36.0; Oct, 234.0-41.0; Dec, 238.0-44.0; March, 241.0-45.0; May, 241.0-45.0; July, 241.0-45.0.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT**.—Canadian western red spring number one 13½ per cent March, £87.00 Tilbury; dark northern spring number two 14 per cent March, £82.25; April, £81.25 tran-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French, March, £100; April, £101 tran-shipment east coast.

BARLEY.—Kenya grade three, April, $115 fob. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady.—March, £71.15; May, £72.80; Sept, £77.40; Nov, £77.35; Jan, £82.30. Sales, 78 lots. **WHEAT** was barely steady.—March, £83.10; May, £84.70; Sept, £82.10; Nov, £84.45; Jan, £86.95. Sales, 68 lots.

Home Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex farm spot prices.—

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Humberside	£90.40	£80.00	£70.40
Gloucester	—	£78.60	£69.60

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 7: GB cattle 63.86p per kgiw (—0.07). UK sheep 128.9p per kgestdcw (—3.0). GB pigs 60.9p per kgiw (—0.61). England and Wales.—Cattle numbers down 9.9 per cent, average price 64.01p (—0.21). Sheep numbers down 4.5 per cent, average price 129.0p (—3.01). Pig numbers down 5.9 per cent, average price 60.8p (—0.7). Scotland.—Cattle numbers down 11.9 per cent, average price 63.49p (+0.24). Sheep numbers up 19.2 per cent, average price 126.1p (+0.7). Pig numbers up 11.3 per cent, average price 62.3p (+0.5).

EGGS.—The London Egg Exchange): In home-produced the market was good with brown eggs being the best feature. In imported modest quantities have arrived and been readily absorbed. Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
White		
1s	4.40 to 5.00	4.40 to 5.00
2s	4.30 to 4.90	4.10 to 4.90
3s	4.00 to 4.50	4.00 to 4.50
4s	3.90 to 4.20	3.90 to 4.30
5s	3.35 to 3.80	3.35 to 3.80
6s	3.70 to 3.00	2.90 to 3.20
7s	1.90 to 2.20	1.90 to 2.20
Brown		
1s	5.00 to 5.30	5.00 to 5.40
2s	4.80 to 5.20	4.90 to 5.20
3s	4.20 to 4.15	4.30 to 4.65
4s	4.00 to 4.30	4.10 to 4.55

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977-78 Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
29	Airsprung Ord	48	—	4.2	8.8	8.9
106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	150	—	18.4	12.3	—
25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	11.7	6.7
105	Bardon Hill	148	—	12.0	8.1	10.2
51	Deborah Ord	112	—	5.1	4.5	9.0
108	Deborah 17½% CULS	224	—	17.5	7.0	—
120	Frederick Parker	130	—	12.0	9.5	5.1
135	George Blair	146	—	15.0	10.2	5.8
36	Jackson Group	49	—	5.0	10.2	5.8
55	James Burrough	98	—	6.0	6.1	9.0
188	Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
9	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
54	Twinlock 12% ULS	77	—	12.0	15.5	—
54	Unilock Holdings	81	—	7.0	8.6	10.0
67	Walter Alexander	97	—	6.4	6.5	7.2

Lonsdale Universal
Benefits from investment

	1977	1976
Turnover	26.019m	20.79m
Pre-tax profits	1.245m	0.914m
Earnings/ord share (basic)	13.90p	8.19p
Total div (inc tax credit)	7.0188p	6.3808p

Main points made in the review by the Chairman, Norman Ramseyer.
- Record turnover—70% from office stationery
- Profits up 36%
- Exports doubled
- Progress being maintained

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Ford

BEARER DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

...ng the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by the Company ... January 1978, NOTICE is now given that the follow... DISTRIBUTION will become payable to Authorized ...aries on or after 13th March 1978, against presenta... the Depositary (as below) of Claim Forms (obtainable ...e Depositary) listing Bearer Depositary Receipts.

Distribution per Unit	4.00 cents
...5% US Withholding Tax	0.60 cents
	3.40 cents per Unit
...ed at $1.95	=£0.017436 per Unit

...TARY
... Westminster Bank Limited
...ffice Services
...297 Drapers Gardens
...gmorton Avenue
...EC2P 2ES
...ch 1978

Foreign Exchange

Firm for much of the session, the dollar back-pedalled to end narrowly mixed after a moderate trade on the Foreign Exchange yesterday. Doubts about United States miners accepting a return to work directive persisted, and the currency soon slipped back on the lack of encouraging news.

It was helped on its way by an American economist's comments at a Brussel conference that the dollar's decline may well have some way to go yet.

The dollar ended at DM2.0130 (overnight 2.0280) against the German currency.

Easier for most of the day, the pound picked up to 1.9375, a touch better than the previous dollar rate of 1.9370, though sterling's currency basket average eased finally to 65.1.

Gold rose $2 an ounce to close at $186.875 in London.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) March 7	Market rates (close) March 7
New York	$1.9325-9365	$1.9370-9380
Montreal	$2.1670-1790	$2.1760-1770
Amsterdam	4.17½-21½fl	4.18-19fl
Brussels	60.60-61.40f	60.70-80f
Copenhagen	10.78-84k	10.79-80k
Frankfurt	389½-94m	3.89½-90¼m
Lisbon	78.10-78.30e	78.25-75e
Madrid	150.05-4p	155.15-35p
Milan	1,647-58lr	1,651½-52½lr
Oslo	10.24-32k	10.24½-25½k
Paris	9.22-28f	9.24-25f
Stockholm	8.87-94k	8.87½-88½k
Tokyo	455-65y	456-58y
Vienna	28.10-45sch	28.10-20sch
Zurich	3.61-68f	3.62½-63½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was down 6.1 at 65.1.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.06c prem-.05c disc	.15-.05c prem
Montreal	.06c prem-.05c disc	.15-.05c prem
Amsterdam	¾c prem-¼c disc	2½-1½c prem
Brussels	10c prem-par	15-5c prem
Copenhagen	7½-9½ore disc	19½-20½ore disc
Frankfurt	1⅞-⅞pf prem	4½-3⅝pf prem
Lisbon	70-180c disc	375-600c disc
Madrid	50-120c disc	150-270c disc
Milan	8-14lr disc	25-30lr disc
Oslo	4-6ore disc	12½-14½ore disc
Paris	5½-6½c disc	13½-14½c disc
Stockholm	1-3ore disc	4½-5½ore disc
Vienna	par-10gro disc	5-15gro disc
Zurich	2½-1½c prem	6½-5½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8887-0.8900.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¾-7; seven days, 6⅞-7⅛; one month, 6⅞-7⅛; three months, 7⅛-7¼; six months, 7⅛-7⅝.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $185.4 (an ounce); pm, $186.25.
Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $122½-124½ (£63¼-64¼); resident, $182¾-184¾ (£98¼-100¼).
Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $58-60 (£30-31); resident, $58-60 (£30-31).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
US STRAIGHTS ($)		
Australia 7¾ 1984	95¼	96
Australia 8½ 1992	94¾	95½
Aust Mining 9½ 1992	98	98¾
Avco 9½ 1985	100	100½
Avco 9½ 1985	98½	99¼
Barclays 8½ 1992	96¾	97½
Bowater 9½ 1992	97	97½
British Gas 9 1981	101½	102½
Citicorp 5¾ 1980	97½	98
Citicorp 7 1981	97¾	98¼
CECA 8½ 1997	95¾	96¼
DSM 8½ 1987	96¾	97
EIB 8½ 1988	96¾	97½
EIB 8¾ 1995	96	96¾
Eurofima 8½ 1988	96½	97¼
Fisons 8¼ 1992	93	93¾
ICI 8¾ 1987	96¾	97
INCO 8½ 1984	96¾	97¼
INCO 9 1992	98¾	97½
IU O/seas 8¾ 1987	95¾	96¼
Light-Servicos 9 1982	97¾	98
Macmillan Bloedel 9 1992	96¼	97¼
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	97	97¾
NCB 8 1987	94½	95¼
Nat West 9 1986	101½	102½
NZ Forest Prod 9 1986	98¾	99¼
Norsk Hydro 7½ 1982	97¾	98
Occidental 8½ 1983	96¾	97¼
Occidental 8¾ 1987	97	97½
Offshore Mining 8½ 1985	98	98¾
Rank Hovis 9 1992	93	93¾
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	98¼	98¾
Shell 8½ 1990	96¾	97¼
SNCF 8¾ 1984	98	98¾
Sparbankernas 8¾ 1988	97¾	98
Sweden 7¾ 1982	97¾	98¼
Sweden 8½ 1987	95¾	96¼
Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987	97	97½
Walter Kidde 8½ 1985	97	97¾
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7 11/16 1984	96½	97¼
CCF 6¾ 1983	99¾	99¾
IBJ 7 11/16 1988	99¾	100¼
LTCB 6¾ 1982	99¼	100
OKB 6 1983	99¾	100¼
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1984	98¾	98¾
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1982	97¾	98¾
BM-RT 8¾ 1982	96¾	97¼
Ford 8½ 1984	96¾	97½
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	97¼	98
Rank 9½ 1980	98¾	99¼
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	98¾	97¾
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6¾ 1.7.84	104¾	5.64
ICI 6½ 1.5.87	106¾	5.82
New Zealand 6¾ 1.5.84	106¾	5.01
Phrym 6¾ 7.9.89	105½	5.83
Quebec Hydro 6¾ 16.8.87	105¾	6.01
US & CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¾ 1987	81	83
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	90½	92½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	105½	107¼
Beecham 6½ 1992	92½	93½
Borden 6¾ 1991	104½	106½
Carnation 4 1988	75	77
Chevron 5 1988	119½	121½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	77	79
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	81	83
Ford 5 1988	82	84
Ford 5 1986	91½	93½
General Electric 4¾ 1987	79	81
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	77½
Gould 5 1987	100½	102½
Gulf & Western 5 1988	78½	80½
Honeywell 6 1986	84	86
ICI 6¾ 1987	86½	87½
INA 6 1997	90	91½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	104½	105½
ITT 4½ 1987	75½	77½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	129	131
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	122½	124
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	88	90
Nabisco 5½ 1988	97½	99½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	74	76
Revlon 4½ 1987	103	105
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	79½	81½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	82	84
Squibb 4¾ 1987	76½	78½
Sumitomo Elec 6 1992	135¼	137
Texaco 4¾ 1988	75½	77½
Union Bank of Switzerland 1987	147	149
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	78	80
Xerox Corp 5 1988	74	76

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

(1977/78 High Bid, Low Offer, Trust, Bid, Offer, Yield)

Authorized Unit Trusts

Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941
34.1 24.2 Abbey Capital 29.7 31.6 4.16
48.3 35.1 Abbey General 41.5 44.1 4.17
40.3 29.8 Do Income 35.3 37.8 5.79
34.6 27.6 Do Invest 30.5 32.4 4.55

Alben Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1 Y4TT 01-588 6371
76.3 57.4 Alben Trust* (3) 63.0 70.8 4.89
64.8 47.9 Do Inc* (3) 59.0 63.4 6.90

Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851
73.7 53.6 Allied Capital 64.3 68.7 4.71
67.6 50.8 Do 1st 58.5 62.5 6.08
67.2 48.5 Brit Ind 2nd 57.9 61.8 6.00
39.6 27.8 Growth & Inc 33.7 36.0 5.55
33.6 24.0 Elec & Ind Dev 29.6 31.6 5.37
40.4 32.4 Met Min & Cmdty 35.7 38.1 6.01
62.6 45.4 High Income 60.6 64.7 6.95
36.4 28.2 Equity Income 34.7 37.0 7.43
24.5 22.4 International 22.3 23.8 2.85
68.0 44.6 High Yield Fnd 61.6 65.8 8.60
108.9 79.1 Hambro Fnd 94.1 100.5 5.67
88.5 52.4 Do Recovery 80.2 85.7 6.00
33.4 17.3 Do Smaller 30.6 32.7 5.35
123.1 89.7 Do Accum 107.6 114.9 4.94
41.4 24.3 2nd Smaller 37.7 40.3 5.38
58.6 45.5 Secs of America 44.6 47.6 2.15
34.1 31.0 Pacific Fnd 32.0 34.2 2.02
57.1 45.9 Overseas Fnd 49.2 51.5 5.43
216.1 128.3 Exempt Smaller 191.0 203.2 5.90

Arbuthnot Securities Ltd. 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281
115.9 107.3 Extra Income 107.6 116.4 2.72
42.1 31.5 High Income 36.8 40.0 9.88
55.7 38.6 Do Accum 49.4 53.8 9.88
56.1 53.8 8½% W'draw 49.4 53.8 9.88
25.3 23.1 Pref Fund 25.6 27.5 12.08
38.2 32.1 Do Accum (1) 37.9 40.8 12.08
20.8 15.5 Capital Fund 16.0 17.4 ..
55.6 45.1 Commodity (5) 50.7 54.7 6.15
76.8 61.0 Do Accum (5) 71.3 77.2 6.15
51.2 41.0 10% W'draw (5) 45.7 49.3 6.15
18.0 12.7 Arb Fin & Prop 16.1 17.5 3.31
42.6 31.0 Giants Fund 35.3 38.1 3.68
48.4 34.9 Do Accum 40.8 44.0 3.68
33.3 25.1 Growth Fund 29.9 32.2 3.54
40.5 28.6 Do Accum 35.2 38.0 3.54
22.2 18.3 E & Int Fund 20.3 21.9 1.83
17.3 15.7 6% W'draw (2) 14.1 17.4 1.84
26.8 23.6 N Amer Int (4) 24.3 26.3 2.00

Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544
34.8 29.7 Unicorn Amer 28.2 30.3 2.62
51.8 44.2 Aust Income 42.6 46.3 2.82
64.2 55.4 Do Accum 53.7 58.4 2.82
67.9 53.3 Unicorn Capital 58.7 63.1 4.69
111.3 72.7 Exempt* 100.0 104.2 8.37
28.4 19.8 Extra Income 26.5 28.5 9.42
61.6 48.4 Financial 54.4 58.8 5.01
70.9 56.3 Unicorn '500' 63.8 69.0 6.41
31.0 25.0 General 28.0 30.1 6.61
43.0 39.2 Growth Accum 36.3 39.2 4.30
94.3 61.3 Income 73.8 79.4 6.78
41.2 27.5 Recovery 37.3 40.1 5.91
118.3 85.6 Trustee 103.4 110.6 5.38
51.9 45.9 Worldwide 42.7 45.9 2.07
66.8 46.8 B'ist Inv Fnd 54.8 59.2 5.13
73.8 50.8 Do Accum 63.6 68.5 5.13

Bridge Fund Managers Ltd. 5-6 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951
50.6 34.6 Bridge Income 44.5 48.4 7.42
36.2 25.4 Do Cap Inc (2) 30.4 32.4 3.33
39.3 27.4 Do Cap Acc (2) 33.1 35.3 3.33
138.0 87.0 Do Exempt (2) 122.0 129.0 6.23
14.6 13.7 Do Int Inc (3) 13.5 14.4 4.26
15.8 14.0 Do Int Acc 14.7 15.7 4.26

Britannia Trust Management Ltd. 3 London Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478
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Insurance Bonds and Funds

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Offshore and International Funds

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*Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. x Ex all. e Dealings suspended. o Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (8) Mar 25, (9) Mar 24, (10) Mar 31, (14) Apr 3, (15) Mar 15, (16) Mar 21, (18) Mar 21, (20) 25th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 3rd Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 3rd Wednesday of month, (39) 2nd Wednesday of month, (40) Valued monthly.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Leaders firm

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Feb 27. Dealings End, Mar 10. § Contango Day, Mar 13. Settlement Day, Mar 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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BRITISH FUNDS

1977-78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. yield	Gross Yield
104½	97½	Treas 10½pc	1978		10.341	6 037
100½	96¾	Exch 5pc	1976-78	99⅝	5.033	6.288
107	95¾	Treas 11¾pc	1979	104⅝	11 038	7.089
97¾	94⅛	Treas 12pc	1979	99½	3.097	5.148
98¾	85¼	Elec 4¼pc	1974-79	97½	4.353	5 864
108⅜	92½	Treas 10½pc	1979	103⅛	10.139	8.134
97½	84¼	Elec 3½pc	1976-79	96	3.647	6.023
106¾	87⅞	Treas Cnv 9¾	1980	101⅝	8.549	7.992
106¾	88½	Treas 9¾pc	1980	101⅛	9.342	8.642
98	83¼	Treas 9½pc	1977-80	94⅝	3 712	6.227
98¾	83½	Fund 9¼pc	1978-80	95¾	5.481	7.318
112⅞	98⅝	Exch 12¼pc	1980	109¾	12.630	9.541
108¾	92½	Treas 11¾pc	1981	104¾	10.350	9.541
94⅛	77⅝	Treas 7¾pc	1979-81	90⅝	3.850	6.966
104	86¾	Treas 9¾pc	1981	101	9.653	9.373
97⅛	89⅝	Exch 8¾pc	1981	96⅜	8 638	9.457
110⅝	97½	Exch 9¾pc	1981	99⅝	9.568	8.530
97⅜	87⅛	Exch 8½pc	1981	97¾	3.419	7.864
113⅝	96¼	Exch 12¼pc	1981	108⅜	11.704	9.806
100⅜	83¼	Treas 9½pc	1982-82	97½	8 736	9.340
93⅜	73¼	Treas 8½pc	1982	86	3.497	7.102
119⅝	101¼	Treas 14½pc	1982	113⅝	12 389	9 941
98½	93½	Treas 9½pc	1982	95⅞	8.667	9 440
103¾	93⅜	Exch 9½pc	1982	98⅝	8.469	9.711
96⅝	90½	Exch 8½pc	1982	96⅞	8.064	9.082
57⅞	Nil	Exch 2pc	1983	93	3.613	7.131
114¾	85⅝	Treas 12½pc	1983	107¾	11.110	9.836
101⅜	86¾	Treas 9½pc	1983	98½	9 477	9.639
95	72½	Fund 3½pc	1982-84	90⅝	4 498	8.634
99¾	77¾	Treas 9½pc	1984-86	93¾	9 198	9.635
97⅞	87	Fund 3½pc	1985-87	94½	7.986	9 447
92¼	68¾	Treas 7¾pc	1985-88	85⅝	9.118	10.198
73⅝	49¾	Trans 3½pc	1978-88	64½	4.662	8 181
75¾	54¾	Treas 5½pc	1986-89	71	7.343	9 458
120½	90¾	Treas 13½pc	1990	110⅛	11.927	11.382
89¾	67¾	Treas 9½pc	1987-90	85¼	9.840	10 526
111	90¼	Treas 11¾pc	1991	102¾	11.720	11.703
75¾	54	Fund 3½pc	1987-91	68¾	8 356	10 103
121	97¾	Treas 13¾pc	1992	107¾	12.072	11.532
96¾	79¾	Exch 10¾pc	1992	89¾	11 180	11.539
111	89¾	Exch 12¾pc	1992	103¾	11.926	11 557
113½	94¾	Treas 12¾pc	1993	106¾	11 986	11.886
72¾	51¾	Fund 3½pc	1990-93	65¾	6.444	10.799
126	96	Treas 13¾pc	1992-94	118½	12.389	12.058
124½	98	Treas 14½pc	1994	117¾	12.572	12 050
114¾	94½	Exch 12½pc	1994	106½	13.022	11 944
96¾	69¾	Treas 9½pc	1994	90¾	10.783	11 191
110½	97½	Treas 12pc	1995	103¾	11.922	11 544
51¾	32¾	Gas 3½pc	1990-95	45¾	6 225	8 977
98½	88¾	Exch 10¾pc	1985	99⅜	11 414	11.630
119¾	87¾	Treas 12¾pc	1995	108¾	12.025	11 265
107	87	Treas 11¾pc	1996-98	95¾	10 991	11 269
133⅜	101¼	Treas 15¼pc	1998	129¾	12 516	12 229
122½	89¾	Exch 13¾pc	1996	113¾	12 143	12 008
50	32	Redemp 3½pc	1986-96	46½	6 498	8 511
121	97¾	Treas 13¾pc	1997	114	12.253	11 957
96½	90¾	Exch 10¾pc	1997	91¾	11 517	11 658
88¾	65¼	Treas 8¾pc	1997	80¾	10 928	11 296
72¾	51	Treas 6¾pc	1995-98	68¾	10.244	10 992
135¾	103¾	Treas 15¼pc	1998	129	12 412	12 173
105¾	85¾	Treas 9¾pc	1999	94½	11 128	11 340
107	90¾	Treas 10½pc	1999	92¾	11.562	11 680
43¾	27¾	Fund 3½pc	1999-04	40	8.865	10 112
91¾	57¾	Treas 8¾pc	2002-06	73¾	10.583	11 043
98½	69¾	Treas 9¾pc	2008-12	85½	11 027	10 765
97	53¾	Treas 7¾pc	2012-15	72¾	10.849	10 925
34¾	24¾	Consols 4pc		32¾	11.434	
34¾	25¾	War Ln 3½pc		30½	9 911	
36¾	26¾	Conv 3½pc		30¾	9 499	
34¾	25¾	Treas 3pc		29¾	11 607	
34¾	17¾	Treas 2½pc		22½	11 306	
34	17¾	Treas 2½pc Aft 78		21¾	11 440	

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

101⅞	91¾	Aust	5½pc	76-78	101¼	5.517	8 473
98¾	79½	Aust	5½pc	77-80	94¾	5.809	9 318
95½	68¾	Aust	5½pc	81-82	84½	6 501	10.231
57½	43¾	Aust	3½pc	81-83	54	7 281	10 121
95	77¾	Aust	7½pc	79-81	90¼	7 725	10 259
80	60	Canlan Mixed		90			
175¾	61¼	E Africa	3½pc	57-83	74½	7 657	12 933
360	197	German	4½pc	1930	360	+10	
42	32½	Hungary	4½pc	1924	41		
69¾	69¾	Ireland	7½pc	81-83	86¾		
98¾	84¾	Jamaica	7½pc	77-79	95		7 899 10 292
535	225	Japan	As 6½pc	1907	535		
87½	63	Japan	6pc	83-88	87		
78	65	Kenya	5½pc	78-82	77		6.521 12 688
86	69	Malaya	7½pc	78-82	84		8.970 12 466
96½	81½	N Z	6½pc	76-80	93¾		6.411 9 632
97¾	82	N Z	7¼pc	79-82	71¾		10.202 11 438
89	69¾	N Z	7½pc	83-86	89½		8.847 10.578
91	74	N Rhd	6½pc	78-81	89½		8 768 10.711
91	74	Nyasa	6½pc	78-81	89½		6 768 10.711
153	145	Peru	6½pc	Ass	155		
94½	82	S Africa	5½pc	79-81	94¼		
70	30	S Rhd	3½pc	52-70	61		
58	25	S Rhd	4½pc	57-58	51		
54	44	S Rhd	6pc	78-81	93		
51	45	Spanish	4pc	45			
97	47	Tang	5½pc	78-82	79		7 298 12 662
94	80	Uruguay	3½pc		94		

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

97	89¾	L C C	3½pc	1920	25		12 204
94½	84¼	L C C	3½pc	50-53	91		8 128 9.706
93	82	L C C	3½pc	57-60	89¼		8 129 10 000
93¾	82	L C C	3½pc	62-64	89½		8 688 9.861
78½	53¾	L C C	3½pc	65-67	72½		7 724 10.400
79¾	61¼	L C C	6½pc	76-79	96¾		6.234 8.779
77	53¾	L C C	5½pc	69-80	72¾		9 411 10.899
106	85¾	L C C	9½pc	79-82	98½		9.907 11 429
100½	82	L C C	9½pc	80-82	97½		9 724 10 174
107¾	93¾	L C C	12½pc	1982	106¾		11 857 10 805
114¾	91	L C C	13½pc	1983	105¾		11 919 11 269
100	95¾	L of L	4½pc	75-78	99¾		7 434 10 199
98	79½	L of L	6½pc	78-81	84¾		9 190 11.193
77¾	55¾	Ag Mt	7½pc	51-93	70¾		10 863 11.686
97½	83¾	Ag Mt	6½pc	85-90	87½		9 667 11.587
91¾	73¾	Belfast	6½pc	77-80	91¾		7.104 10 398
91¾	73¾	Belfast	6½pc	78-79	91¾		6 983 10 398
88¾	55	Camden	6½pc	77-79	86½		6 818 9.324
91¾	73¾	Croydon	6½pc	78-81	88½		7 629 10.577
91¾	69¾	Edin	6½pc	77-79	90½		6.800 9 176
101	80	Glasgow	9½pc	80-82	98¾		9 820 10.253
91¾	73¾	Gwych	6½pc	78-79	91¾		7 629 10 176
110¾	96¾	Liverpl	13½pc	1981	108¾		12.471 10.543
91	74¾	Met Water B	6½pc	34-03	81¾		9 845 10 617
93	73¾	N I	6½pc	75-80	89		7 303 10 217
95¾	80	N I	6½pc	78-84	91½		7 821 11 782
96¾	85	N I Elec	6½pc	81-83	91¼		7 909 11 546
91¾	69¾	Notts	6½pc	76-78	90¼		6 767 7 371
97¾	84	Sthend	6½pc	77-79	97½		6 398 8 150
95	68¾	Swark	6½pc	53-86	82		7 427 10 319
94½	77¾	Surrey	6½pc	78-80	93¾		6 417 9 575

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Div	Yld	Price	Ch'ge	Gross pence	%	P/E
		Investment Dollar Premium 84½% (84½). **Premium Conversion Factor** 0.7278.							

FOREIGN STOCKS

54½	40½	Bayer	54½		197	-1	27.0	13.7
16¾	11¾	Commerzbank	£10		44.2		2.8	18.3
2.9½	17½	Cp Fn Pats	£21		187	8.1	7.5	
52	47	EBES	£52		251		5.4	
28	14	Ericsson	£21¼		69.2	3.3	33.9	
23	8	Flmsbrcr	8½					
14	4½	Granges	57					
560†	385	Hoechst	443		19	7	4.4	15.3
34	8	Montecatini E	14					
650	470	Rothschild S	5.23		29.9	5.7	29.9	
491	225	Rothschild Sons fl	5.25					47.5
1st	30	Smls Viscosa	54					
565	710	Thyssen-Huette	865		15			15.5
76	42	Volkswagen	£71					

DOLLAR STOCKS

108½	94	Bracuan	95½			57.4	6.0	4.3
12	6¾	BP Canada	8½					
17½	9½	Can Pac Ord	£10½			47.0	4.5	8.1
16¾	9¾	El Paso	£10½			41.7	4.0	19.7
45½	27¾	Exxon Corp	£31½					
71	39¾	Ford	£52			63.7	2.9	9.4
25¾	16½	Hollinger	£19½					
33½	24¾	Hud Bay Oil	£26¾			28.9	1.1	50.3
14¾	14½	Husky Oil	£17½					
29¾	9¾	INCO	£29½			36.3	5.9	18.4
17¾	8½	IU Int	£17¾			42.3	6.0	10.7
33½	19½	Kaiser Alum	£30¾			82.1	4.1	
19¾	6¼	Massey-Ferg	£6½			58.1	8.9	11.2
17¾	11¾	Norton Simon	£11¾			43.7	3.7	9.5
57¾	30	Pacific Petrol	£33½					
24¾	17¾	Pan Canadian	£20½					
240	130	Steep Rock	150					
12¾	8½	Trans Can P	10¾					
17¾	11¾	Us Steel	£18½					
725	725	White Pass	725			15.9	2.2	21.0
15¾	7¾	Zapata Corp	£10¾			15.7	1.4	32.7

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

365	185	Alex Discount	230			21.7	9.4	5.2
565	350	Allen H & Ross	485		+10	46.5	9.6	6.8
148	96½	Allied Irish	133		-1	14.9	10.6	5.2
186	108	Arb-Latham	153			14.3	9.4	10.4
265⅝	185¾	ANZ Grp	203		-2	14.4	7.1	4.2
173½	134	Bank America	£147½			48.0	3.3	11.8
363	262½	Bk of Ireland	315			20.1	6.4	5.9
760	560	Bk Leumi Israel	710			11.2	7.9	1.2
299	160	Bk Leumi UK	160			17.2	7.0	14.0
590	370	Bk of NSW	410			15.6	4.5	6.8
315	223	Bk of Scotland	285		+3	16.5	8.2	6.8
244	214	Bnks First NY	£226½			19.7	8.7	5.1
350	227	Barclays Bank	315		● +5	18.7	5.3	5.2
115	115	Brown Shipley	200			14.0	7.0	7.4
358	225	Cater Ryder	270			26.6	9.8	
174	139	Chase Man	£204½			47.7	10.4	6.9
204	139	Cliffrd Clark	183½			14.1	7.7	6.2
93	51½	Clive Discount	72				7.2	10.0
201	170	Com Bk of Aust	195		+7	9.4	4.8	9.1
170	115	Com Bk of Sol	120		● +3	7.8	5.7	
174	124	Cr De France	£165			13.5	7.7	7.7
3½	¾	First Nat Fin	3½					
12½	7	Fraser Ans	11					
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	162			12.4	7.6	7.1
53	37	Gibbs A.	38			3.8	10.0	14.3
277	161¼	Gillett Bros	215		●	23.0	10.7	5.2
126	55	Grindlays Bldgs	111		+1	4.6	4.2	5.8
230	150	Guinness Peat	198		+3	16.2	8.2	8.7
21	12	Hambros £10	£16			14.9	9.3	
57	42	Do Ord	168		+3	14.4	8.6	4.8
116	74	Hill Samuel	84		+1	6.7	8.0	7.3
340½	223	Hong K & Shang	288			7.3	2.7	25.6
68	54½	Jessel Toynbee	70			6.2	8.8	
195	115	Joseph L.	160			12.0	7.5	7.9
51	21	Keyser Ullmann	29			2.1	7.2	
160	47	King & Shaxson	52			9.1	8.3	6.0
134	76	Kleinwort Ben	94			9.0	6.2	7.8
298	185	Lloyds Bank	258		● +3	13.5	9.4	5.4
177	92	Mercury Secs	111			9.1	6.4	6.5
3900	2560	Midland	3425		+6	82.4	6.5	5.1
65	39	Minster Assets	58			5.3	9.2	8.4
248	168	Nat of Aust	180		-5	8.7	4.8	7.2
51	33	Nat Com BK Grp	48			4.0	8.3	5.1
298	205	Nat W'minster	273		+5	17.4	6.4	15.2
49	29	Ottoman	39			2.0	6.4	11.9
69	45	Rea Bros	60			2.5	4.2	12.0
21¾	14½	Royal of Can	£17¾			68.8	3.9	13.8
450†	290	Schroders	345		-5	15.7	4.6	5.1
290	158	Secombe Mar	215			18.7	8.7	6.4
180	58	Smith St Aubyn	72			7.3	10.2	
199	293	Standard Chart	297		-3	27.6	7.0	6.6
27¾	22½	Union Discount	400			30.9	5.0	4.9
71	57	Wintrust	60			4.6	7.6	23.5

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

76	58	Allied	81		+1	6.0	7.4	11.1
164	97	Bass Chargeton	142		+1	7.1	5.2	9.5
46	26	Bathaven Grp	44					
134	79½	Bell A.	124		+4	7.4	3.6	8.2
148	92	Beddingtons	148		+4	9.9	4.1	15.8
112	84	Brown M	110			5.9	5.8	11.7
177	98	Bulmer H P Hldgs	138		+1	4.9	3.5	8.1
160	75	Burtonwood	142			4.8	3.4	10.0
68	49	D'ol Lon D'F	55			3.6	6.6	21.7
192	100	Devenish	157		-2	8.9	5.7	8.3
191½	119	Distillers	168		+1	9.5	5.9	10.5
110	56	Greenall	108			4.0	3.7	10.3
240	152	Greene King	217		+2	10.9	5.0	7.4
195	124	Guinness	187		+1	10.8	5.8	9.4
163	95	Hardys & H'sons	160			10.6	6.6	10.7
158	53	Highland	133		+2	4.4	3.3	10.8
100	76	Invergordon	88			3.2	3.7	10.4
132	48	Irish Distillers	112			5.4	4.8	7.6
57	41	Marston	55			2.7	4.9	8.3
71	41	Scot & Newcastle	62		●	4.9	7.9	13.6
197½	138	Seagram	145		● +3½	45.7	3.0	11.0
68	48	S A Breweries	60			8.3	13.6	4.3
197	95	Tamanin	96		+1	4.1	4.3	20.5
101½	57	Vaux	86			6.1	6.3	10.0
96½	58½	Whitbread 'A'	83		+½	5.6	6.7	9.4
93	60	Do B	82		+½	5.6	6.8	9.6
84	55	Whitbread Inv	74		+2	5.7	7.7	20.4
200	114	Wolverhampton	186			9.7	4.7	11.0

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — E

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross pence	Div	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	102	+1	8.3	3.2	4.7	8.5
142	56	AB Electronic	93		7.8	3.3	5.3	
42	25	AC Cars	41		1.4	2.5	7.6	
62	28	AGB Research	56		8.2n	6.1	8.9	
226½	134	APV Hldgs	182		9.1	4.5	7.8	
72	43	Aaronson Bros	52		7.9	9.6	3.9	
116	62	Across	106		3.6	3.4	12.1	
58	32	Do A	49	+2	3.6	5.2	7.8	
41	11	Adda Int	33		0.5	2.3		
282	156	Advest Group	228	-2	15.2	6.7	6.2	
131	79	Ailbright & W	101		7.0	6.9	6.6	
17	7½	Aired Plant	14½		1.1	7.4	8.7	
201	75½	Allied Retailers	187	●	13.2	7.1	9.0	
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	42		2.5	5.9	26.1	
294	216	Amal Metal	294	+4	21.5	7.3	5.7	
138	57½	Amal Power	110	+1	8.0	7.3	8.1	
41	21	Amber Day	32½		3.0	9.3	4.7	
18	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	16		0.8n	4.2	5.7	
96	41	Anchor Chem	66		6.0	10.0	8.7	
57½	34	Anderson Strath	47		3.5	8.2	8.4	
90	48½	Angila TV 'A'	73	● -3	6.3	8.7	5.5	
540	390	Angio Amer Ind	460		42.9	9.3	4.3	
62	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34					
98	49	Appleyard	76	-1	9.5n	12.5	6.8	
39½	18½	Aquaseutum 'A'	33		2.1	6.4	7.4	
123	68½	Arlington Mtr	108		21.7	10.8	8.3	
78	38	Armitage Shanks	68	● +1	6.5	10.8	8.7	
86	38½	Armst Equip	55	-1	3.1	5.6	9.4	
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	30½	+1	2.9	9.3	6.3	
99	56	Aurora Hldgs	82		7.9	9.6	3.9	
70	30	Austin E.	67		5.3	8.3	4.8	
119½	31	Automotive Pd	89½		2.5	3.1	7.3	
34½	24½	Avana Grp	32		1.6	6.1	8.8	
36	26	Bremner	29		5.8	11.8	9.5	
206	90	Brent Chem Int	194	+2	7.7	5.0	15.2	
32½	25	Brent Walker	28		1.7n	3.5	21.8	
36	22	Brickhouse Dud	32		3.3	10.4	6.3	
172	105	Bridon	111		9.6	8.6	6.0	
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	35		3.7	10.5	6.3	
44½	29	Brit Car Auctn	43	+½	3.0	7.0	10.6	
17	11	Brit Enkalon	12					
246	137	Brit Home Strs	174	-1	8.9	5.0	15.1	
38	20	Brit Leyland	23				1.8	
38	23	Brit Northrop	26	-1		4.8	11.8	
45½	17½	BSG Int	32½		3.2	9.0	5.9	
151	86	BSR Ltd	90	-2	7.1	7.9	4.1	
282	142½	BTR Ltd	210	+3	13.8	6.6	7.3	
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9¾	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	7		0.3	4.6	33.8	
169	93	Baird W.	146		14.1	9.7	5.5	
112	65	Baker Perkins	86		6.3	7.3	5.2	
53	28½	Bambergers	44		4.5	10.3	8.0	
15	3½	Barker & Dobson	12½					
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74	39	Barr & Wallace	65		5.1	7.9	6.3	
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vident Financial Group, heck trading operator, ues to enjoy the bene- that decision taken in o revert to small, short advances. *The rewards* flected in an improved lebt experience, lower wings and, in turn, a 30 per cent pre-tax s gain last year to a £9.54m. The shares 4p to 90p.

nover advanced by just 15 per cent to £174.8m while inflation has sed the size of the *ge loan by about £10 to* ver the last 12 months, mber of customers has ned somewhat flat. The ion experience has *enhanced partly* as a of the lending policy m and partly through staff training. Of the due from customers at ember last, £83 will be before July with a r £32m due in the *uent six months.*

£722,000 drop in inter- aid during year to is equally attributable n cheaper money costs *wer debt. The Febru-* ary banking liabilities and *reserves statistics suggest* an unchanged level of Minimum Lending Rate for the near term, at least, but is hard to see much substantial further *benefit from Provident's* shorter loan term, or indeed, from the cut in the real (inflation-adjusted) size of advance.

The *Monopolies* Commission decision on the Cattle's (Holdings) takeover indicated the limits to Provident's scope for acquisition although H. T. Greenwood, bought a year ago, should *repay the £250,000 considera*tion by years end. Piecemeal expansion in personal finance could be continued but the board is also looking for *diversification.*

It already operates estate agency and insurance broking subsidiaries and feels that underwriting would be a natural fit with the personal loans it makes for cars and other major consumer items.

For the moment, however, a p e and dividend yield of around 8 are symptomatic of the sluggish outlook for the *economy.*

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mond Quigley
ho will take over the ing 50 per cent. of ere, the Rhodesian mine whose other olders include Mr Rowland, Lonrho's ng director, as soon tical conditions allow, dward du Cann, a director, told the y's annual meeting ay.

chere, which has long ie of the controversies d to Lonrho, is con- 50 per cent by , with the remaining ing 70 per cent con- by Mr Rowland, 20 nt by family trustees Alan Ball, Lonrho's *re* deputy chairman, per cent by family of Mr Angus Ogilvy, r director.

u Cann said he and orge Bolton, non- e deputy chairman, stigated the *situation* recommended to the that Lonrho should the remainder of the However, the politi- ation in Rhodesia had ed this recommenda- ng proceeded with. dded that the "so- conflict of interest" Lonrho and other re shareholders l to be vastly more than real; indeed berstates the position ot real at all".

by a shareholder the board supported ent internal Rhode- settlement, Lord Sandys, Lonrho's n, said: "Since this tter of acute inter- controversy at this in the United *I do not think it* e helpful for me to statement at this "

Cann said it would rrect to give a profit for the current year, the company was rfectly well.

Growth forecast for Blagden

Blagden & Noakes (Holdings) can see further earnings growth this year despite the depressingly flat outlook for many of the *industries*—particularly chemicals—which it supplies. Up 15 per cent pre-tax on the comparable 53 week period to £4.36m *in the year to* January 2, the drum manufacturer is determined to maximize the opportunities presented by the W. W. Ball & Sons acquisition.

Taken over last November in a cash and paper deal worth around £5.2m, Ball chipped in £88,000 to Blagden's pre-tax profit and stands to improve its annual rate of contribution by around £200,000 to £1.1m.

Elsewhere, the Blagden board, headed by Mr Jack Noakes, is looking for partial recovery from the *chemicals* manufacturing and distribution division where the trading profit contribution is forecast to rise from £221,000 to between £400,000 and £500,000.

The chemicals and industrial protective equipment divisions are likely to see the next bout of acquisition since the board is now anxious to build up its 100 per cent-owned subsidiaries.

But, while the chemical manufacturing side must eventually pick up the immediate prospects for the chemical majors suggest that the growth potential at Blagden's *dominant drum* and cask division—up from £2.73m to £3.34m at the trading level—will continue to be dominated short term by the uplift in reconditioned drum demand.

The shares climbed 3p to 213p yesterday where the doubled gross dividend of 16.16p gross per share dividend offers plenty of support with a yield of 8.5 per cent and the multiple of 7.2 on stated earnings underlines this view.

& T looking for ther good year

ant American Tele- Telegraph expects good year", Mr Debutts, the chair- l in New York.

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& T.'s subsidiaries e to raise between and $2,300m to its $12,800m con- programme in 1978. gearing up people e" to defend itself vernment's massive suit—3,000 em- will be involved in any's efforts, which $100m in the first Dow Jones.

care problems

Ohio.—Technicare on says that its r the third quarter 31 may result in a it hopes that it will reakeven point. are added that roblems make it l to predict accur- results for either quarter or the rest al year. The group third quarter earn- .32 a share. are said that dur- third quarter its ar operation has continues to make, improvements in of production for eries scanners. r, profits continue to be hurt by costs associated with the introduction of the 2000 series, and a margin decline caused by a high percentage of third quarter shipments comprising upgrades from earlier CT scanner models to the 200 series. —Reuter.

International

Down goes Ferodo

Paris-Ferodo, the maker of brakes and other ca rparts had net profits of Fr59.1m last year. In 1976 they were Fr63.1m. But the gross dividend including tax credit goes up from Fr28.20 to Fr31.05. The latest profits were struck after heavier depreciation. This went up from Fr64m to Fr75.7m. The group's cash flow rose from Fr138.4m to Fr156.63m.

Elder Smith slips

On gross revenue up by 5.3 per cent to $A76.36m, in the half-year to Dec 31, Smith Goldsbrough Mort pre-tax profits of Elder of Australia slipped by three per cent to $A7.1m. Moreover, profitability is expected to be affected The interim dividend is held at four cents a share, for the second half-year.

Kreditbanken

Stockholm. — Post-Och Kreditbanken expects its 1978 results to show some improvement on last year. Then net profits rose to 79.2 Kronor from 60.1. The Bank said it made this forecast despite the burdens resulting from a high discount rate and restrictive central bank credit policies.

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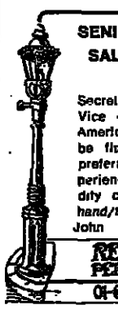
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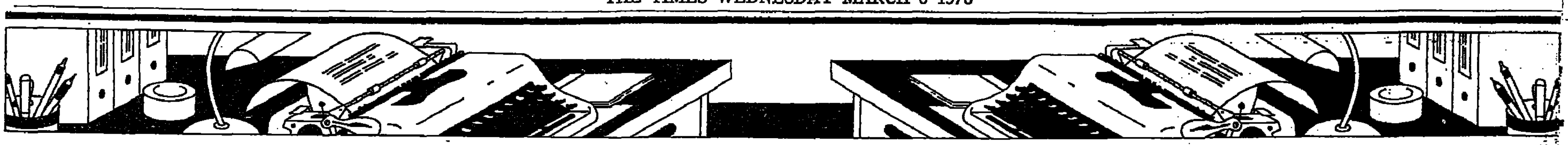
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... Open University: Imaging; 7.05 Maths; ... Technology for ... 10.45-11.00, You and ... .45 pm, News. 1.00, ... Mill. 1.45-2.00, Mister ... 55, Play School. 4.20, ... Turtle. 4.25, Jackanory. ... een Test. 5.00, John ... 5.05, Grange Hill. 5.35, ... ews. 5.55, Nationwide. ... ilm: Five Man Army, ... ith Peter Graves, ... ames Daly, Tetsuro ... amba, Bud Spencer, ... ino Castelnuovo. ... he Liver Birds. ... ews. ... he Hongkong Beat part ... Chasing the Dragon. ... portsnight. Football; ... he King of the ... decars—talk by ... eorge O'Dell, the ... orld Figure Skating ... hampionships preview. ... onight. ... he Sky at Night. The ... ew Mars. ... eather.

... variations (BBC 1): ... LES: 5.05-5.35 pm, Bill... 5.55-6.20, Wales Today. ... ddiw. 7.10, Young Musi... he Year. 7.40-8.30, The ... Files. SCOTLAND: 5.55-... Reporting Scotland. ... N IRELAND: 5.53-5.55 ... hern Ireland News. 5.55-... ne Around Six. 8.25-8.55.

BBC 2
6.40 am, Open University: Man-powered Aircraft (1). 7.05, Stereochemistry; 7.30-7.55, Industrial Architecture. 10.20, Gharbar. 10.45, Parosi. 11.00, Play School. 11.25-11.50, Open University: The Interested Parties. 4.55 pm, Open University: Curriculum Design and Development. 5.20, Going to Sea. 5.45, Beyond the Eye. 6.10, Genetics. 6.35, Primary Sources.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Making Union Democracy Work.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Brass Tacks.
9.00 It's Patently Obvious.
9.30 A Most Public Affair, the world of nuclear *scientists*.
11.00 Arena: Cinema. Close Encounters of the Third Kind, watching Steven Spielberg at work.
11.35 News.
11.45-11.50 Stephen Thorne *reads I had a duck-billed platypus*, by Patrick Barrington.

Thames
12.00, Cloppa Castle. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Sounds of Britain. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, *Crown Court*. 2.00, *After Noon*. 2.25, Hadleigh (r). 3.20, Paint with Nancy. 3.50, Couples (r). 4.20, How. 4.45, Pop Quest. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 The Streets of San Francisco.
9.00 Send in the Girls.
10.00 News.
10.30 Lawrence Olivier Presents the Best Play of the Year, 1960. The Collection, with Alan Bates, *Malcolm McDowell*, Helen Mirren, Lawrence Olivier.
11.45 Snooker: England v Rest of the World.
12.15 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat

ATV
12.00, Thames. *1.20 pm*, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Quincy. 9.00, Thames. 11.40-12.10 am, Drive In.

Southern
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, *Crown Court*. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 11.40, Southern News. 11.50, Police Surgeon. 12.20 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, This Is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. *5.45*, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Happy Days. 7.00, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Thames. 11.45-12.40 am, The Untouchables.*
* black and white.

Westward
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Thames. 11.40, Faith for Life.

Grampian
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, *Grampian Today*. 6.30, Police News. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Thames. 11.45, Reflections.

Tyne Tees
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North-East News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Thames. 11.45, Drive In. 12.10 am, Police Surgeon. 12.40, Epilogue.

Yorkshire
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Thames. 11.45-12.40 am, Film: Hunted, with Edward Woodward, June Ritchie.

Channel
1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.10, Castaway. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Thames. 11.40, Epilogue.

Anglia
12.00 Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, Thames. 11.45, Bryan Taylor—The First Time. 12.15 am, The Big Question (r).

... hames. 1.20 pm, West ... 1.25, Wales Headlines. ... own Court. 2.00, Help ... 2.25, Thames. 5.15, ... 0, Southern. 6.00, Report ... 15, Report Wales. 6.30, ... .00, Thames. 8.00, Rafferty. ... 0, Thames. 11.45-12.15, ... s House. HTV CYMRU/ ... s HTV except: 1.20-1.25, ... Newyddion Y dydd. 4.20, ... 4.30-4.45, Un Tro. ... Y Dydd. HTV WEST—... except: 1.20-1.30, West ... 6.00-6.30, Report West.

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... ames. 1.20 pm, Border ... 1.30, Southern. 2.25, ... 15, Out of Town. 5.45, ... .00, Lookaround. 6.35, ... 8.00, Rafferty. 9.00, ... 1.40, Bullin's Grand Master Championship. 12.10 am, ... wz.

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Radio
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6.00 am, News. 6.03, Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Dave Lee Travis. 7.02, Sing Something Simple.† 7.30, Band.† 8.15, Semprini.† 9.02, Bing. 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.06 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, News. 6.03, Ray Moore.† 7.33, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Nick Page.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, News Huddlines. 10.30, Malcolm. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

3
6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice 1: Mozart.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 2: Sibelius, Tchaikovsky.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Szymanowski and Lutoslawski.† 9.50, Organ recital: Krause, J. S. and C. P. E. Bach, Dubois, Weitz.† 10.35, Lieder recital: Schumann, Wolf, Webern, Schubert.† 11.15, Concert, part 1: Weber, Jacob, Bizet.† 12.05 pm, In Short. Talk. 12.15, Concert, part 2: Holst, Moody, Ibert.†
1.00, News. 1.05, Chamber music: Britten, Haydn, Brahms.† 2.00, The Street Barrel Organ.† 2.10, In Repertory, Idomeneo, discussion with records.† 3.10, Violin and Piano Sonatas, part 1: Schumann, Prokofiev.† 3.50, Reading. 3.55, Sonatas, part 2: Debussy, Saint-Saëns. 4.45, Building a Library. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Kontakte. 7.00, Allez France!
7.30, Piano recital: Chopin.† 8.10, All He Brought Back from the Dream, poem by Peter Porter.† 8.55, BBC Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Janacek.† 9.30, The Arts Worldwide. 9.50, Concert, part 2: Haydn, Mozart.† 10.40, Scientifically Speaking. The Discovery of Hepatitis; talk by Professor B. S. Blumberg. 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up To the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, My Dear Music. Carl Maria von Weber. *10.00*, News. *10.05*, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, You, the Jury. *12.00* News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Hinge and Bracket. 12.55, Weather. *1.00*, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Redford Glass. 3.50, Choral Evensong from Wells Cathedral. 4.35, Story, The Flame Trees of Thika. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, My Music. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, File on 4. 8.00, Thomas Arne—the Profligate Melodist. 9.00, Science Now. *9.30*, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, The Hitch-Hikers' Guide to the *Galaxy*. *11.00*, A Book at Bedtime, The Slave. 11.15, The Financial World *Tonight*. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

COUCHMAN.—On 25th February to Mary and Johnny—a son.

CURSHAM.—On March 7th at Peel St. Hospital, Nottingham, to Eleanor (nee Gee) and Mark—a sister for William.

DIXON.—On March 6th to Mark and Diana—a son.

GODFREY.—On March 5th, to Annette (nee Van Marle) and Graham—a son (Justin), brother for Amanda.

HOLT.—On 4th March in Edinburgh to Penelope and Major Patrick Holt—a son.

HOWELL.—On 27th February at St. Thomas' Hospital, Haverfordwest, to Lynda and Branwyn—a son (Dalton George Thomas Howell), brother for Tanya, Katherine, Sophie, Lynda, and Francesca Holly.

HUNT-GRUBBE.—On March 5th, at Princess Margaret's Hospital, Swindon to Julia (nee Andersen) and Robert Hunt-Grubbe—a daughter (Charlotte Julia), a sister for Harriet.

LUIS.—On March 2nd to Margaret (wife of Roderick)—a son (Theodore John McLean).

MORLEY.—On March 2nd to Jane (nee Batten) and Michael—a son (Timothy), a brother for Jacinta.

PLUMSTEAD COLEMAN. — On Sunday, 5th March, at the Royal Free Hospital, to Isobel Plumstead, wife of Nicholas Coleman—a son (Thomas George Bartholomew).

BIRTHS

SAWYER.—On March 6th to Gillian (nee Woodhams) and Richard—a son (William Edward Charles), brother for Abigail.

SEFI.—On 6th March, 1978, to Benedict and Susie—a daughter.

SOMMERWILL.—On March 7th, at Princess Alexandra Maternity Hospital, Truro, to John and Jennie—a daughter (Emma Grace).

WORMALD.—On March 6th to Jill (nee Gouderman) and Michael—a daughter (Elizabeth), a sister for Claire and Zoe.

BIRTHDAYS

SUSAN FRANKISH is 21 today! M.F.

DEATHS

BAGGALEY.—On March 6th, Ernest James, of 57, Cedar Drive, Chichester, dearly loved husband of Sylvia and father of John and Katharine. Formerly headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield. Service 1.30 p.m., Friday, March 10th at Chichester Cathedral. Family flowers only.

BARBER.—On March 5th, 1978 in hospital peacefully, Frederick Barber, aged 80 years, of 14 Henley Drive, Southcoates Lane, Hull. Gone to be with his beloved Margaret. Father of Frederick and Colin. Funeral at Chanterlands Crematorium, Hull, on Thursday, March 9th at 2.00 p.m. Inquiries to W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks 54407.

BENTLEY.—On March 5th, peacefully, in a nursing home at Bexhill on Sea, Hilda Doris Irene aged 79 years, widow of Frederick. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday, March 13th at 12.30 p.m. Flowers to Mummery, Bexhill-on-Sea.

BURNABY.—On 6th March, peacefully, John, dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral, 11.30 a.m., 14th March, at St. Edward's Church, Cambridge.

CAMPBELL.—See *Miller*.

CHARRINGTON.—On March 5th, 1978, peacefully in her 92nd year, at home, Eleanor Sophia Campbell, widow of Brigadier Harold Vincent Spencer Charrington, D.S.O., M.C., and daughter of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Frederick Jeffreys, M.P., and of Amy Constantia, eldest daughter of G. J. Fenwick. Cremation private, followed by service of thanksgiving on Thursday, March 9th at 11.30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Winchfield. Inquiries to E. Finch & Sons, Ltd., Aldershot.

COLLINS.—On 5th March, 1978, Miriam Violet much loved mother of John, Peter, Melinda and Roger, suddenly and peacefully. Service at All Saints, Fulham, 3.15, Thursday, 9th March. Family flowers only.

DAVIES.—On March 7th, 1978, at Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen, E. T. Davies, of 77 Hafod Cwnin, Carmarthen, late of 5 *Cambridge Gate, Regent's Park, London, W.1.* Retired from Union International Co Ltd. Burial at Brynmwenith Henllan on Friday, 10th March.

DENNY.—On the 6th of March, 1978, peacefully, at home, Jonathan, beloved husband of Elsie and father of Jean and Michael and proud grandfather, formerly of the Stock Exchange of London. Cremation on Monday, 13th of March, 1 p.m. at *Randalls Park Crematorium*, Leatherhead, Surrey. Flowers to Frederick W. Paine, 255 Ewell Road, Surbiton.

DE SOUZA.—On February 27th, suddenly, at his home, Alexander Robert de Souza, of Bagdad, Iraq aged 49, husband of Nairi and beloved father of Nadia and Linda. Funeral service at Brompton Oratory on Wednesday, March 8th at 10.30 a.m., and committal at 11.30 a.m. at Gunnersbury Cemetery.

ELMHIRST.—On Monday, 6th March, peacefully at home, Richard Elmhirst, of Muckhart, Muckhart Mill, Dollar, dearly loved husband of the late Morna Elmhirst and father of Eloise, Alan, Frances and Alice.

GOATE.—On March 6th, at home, Archibald Leslie (Bill), darling husband of Mary and dearly loved father of Carolyn, Christopher and Rosemary. Family funeral at St. Just-in-Roseland on March 9th. No flowers please.

HATT, ROBERT V.—On 4 March, in Westminster Hospital, after a long illness endured with great courage and cheerfulness, formerly Curator of the Imperial Institute. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 March. Funeral arrangements by Kenyons, 49 Marloes Rd., W.8.

HEPPER.—On 5th March, 1978, Elaine Mortimer, widow of Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Hepper, aged 91. Funeral private.

HODGKINSON.—On the 27th February, 1978, at Bath, Geoffrey Walter, aged 81, formerly of Lymington, Hampshire. He wanted a private cremation which took place on 6th March. No letters, please.

HOWARD BAKER.—On 6th March, 1978, in her 86th year, Christiana Francis, devoted wife of R. Howard Baker, and greatly loved mother of Ben and Philip. Service at St. Peters Church, Heswall, Wirral, on Friday, March 10th at 1.15 p.m. followed by private cremation. Flowers to T. A. Ball Ltd., Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead, or donations, if desired to League of Friends, Clatterbridge Hospital, Heswall, where she received such sympathetic care during her recent illness.

JONES.—On March 6th, 1978, of 59 Mount Road, Higher Bebington and Anglesey, aged 81 years, Arnold Litherland Jones, husband of the late Doris, father of Peter and father-in-law of Muriel, also grandfather of Valerie and Wendy. Service and cremation at Landican, Birkenhead, on Thursday, March 9th at 11.30 am Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to: Home Farm Trust Ltd., The Lydiate, Birkenhead Road, Willaston.

KNIGHT.—On March 6th, in hospital, Margaret Sophia, beloved wife of Dr Denis Knight, Broom House, Husthwaite, York. Mother of Helen Marks and Hilary McLellan and a much loved grandmother. Funeral service Carlton Husthwaite Parish Church, Friday, March 10th, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

MARKUS.—On March 5th, 1978, at Southgate, after a long illness, Peter, beloved husband of wife, Anna, and father of Francis.

MASTERS.—On March 6th, peacefully, at the Westminster Hospital, William Mansfield Masters, O.B.E., Hon Chaplain to the Forces, Canon of Gibraltar. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Bourne Street, S.W.1. at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14th. Flowers and enquiries, J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 74 Rochester Row, S.W.1. 01-834 4624.

DEATHS

MEYJES.—On March 7th, 1978, at Barnstaple, Norah Isabel, dearly loved wife of Charles Meyjes and mother of Richard and Nicholas. Funeral private.

MILLER.—On March 4th, 1978, *peacefully, in St Thomas's Hospital*, Margaret (Dr. Margaret Miller), widow of C. Douglas Campbell, C.B. Funeral service at the South London Crematorium, Rowan Rd., Streatham Vale, S.W.16, on Thursday, March 9th, at 2.30 p.m. Enquiries to Dowsett & Jenkins Ltd., 7 Sunnyhill Rd., S.W.16. Tel.: 01-769 0077.

MORGAN.—On 4th March, at Stanwood Westmorland Road, Maidenhead, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne, Audrey May de Warenne, beloved wife of the late Francis William Ewart. Funeral service to be held at All Saints Church, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, 8th March, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation. At the wish of the deceased, family flowers only, please. Donations would be welcomed by Dr. Lloyd, of The Painkilling Unit, Abingdon Hospital, Abingdon, near Oxford.

MORIARTY.—On March 6th, peacefully at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Eileen Madeleine, beloved wife for more than 50 years of Lt.-Colonel Gerald Moriarty late of the Baluch Regiment I.A.

MUSULIN VON GOMIRJE, BARON JANKO.—On March 6th, 1978, author and journalist, father of Marko, at Fridau, A-3200 Obergrafendorf, Austria, aged 61, after a long illness.

NICHOLLS.—On Monday, 6th March peacefully at Colchester in his 91st year, Ernest James, C.B.E. (E.J.) of Mistral House, West Bergholt and late of Assam and Calcutta. Funeral private.

NISBET.—On March 6th, 1978, Phyllis Kathleen, kind and much loved wife of Roy Vickers and mother of Graham and Barrie, left us in the sunshine of Monday at her home in Slinfold after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral private for close men relatives only. Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Crawley, on Thursday morning. No flowers or letters, please.

PETERS.—On 4 March, 1978, in hospital at Masjid-i-Suliman, Southern Iran, Richard (Dick) Peters, Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Engineers (Retired), darling husband of Anne, dearest father of Richard, Sally and David and loving "baba" of Christopher, Edward and Nicholas. Funeral in Iran. Memorial Service in Fleet (Hampshire) to be arranged later.

PRESBURY.—On March 6th, 1978, after a long illness, Philip Stephen of Martins, 31 School Lane, Fetcham, Surrey. Much beloved husband of Hilda. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, March 10th at 3.30 pm.

STERN.—On Tuesday 7th March at Newbury Hospital, Teddy, of Heron's Croft, Weybridge. Adored wife of the late Reggie Stern. Very much loved by all her family and her many friends. Funeral service at St. John's Crematorium, Woking, on Friday, 10th March at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only.

TANNER.—On March 6th, Marnery (nee Frecht), wife of the late Commander R. P. Tanner, D.S.C., R.N. Mother of Caroline. Cremation private. Memorial service March 17th, 3.00 p.m. at Slougham Church, Sussex. Donations to Cancer Research.

THALMESSINGER.—On March 6th, 1978 in hospital Frederick William (Fritz) aged 68 of Cadenera, Majorca dearly loved husband of Jean and loving father of Jeanette and Ian. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday March 10th at 11.30 am. Inquiries to Mathias's of Putney, 01-788 3441. Please, no letters.

WAECHTER.—On March 5th, suddenly, at Lusdon, Devon, Doctor John Waechter, dearly loved husband of Carol and father of Andrea and Suzanne. Funeral private.

WARDLEY MAHON, Dr. JUNE.—On 4th March, 1978 at Leatherhead Hospital. No flowers, please, but donations to June Mahon Memorial Fund, c/o Dr F. Canning, Imperial College Field Station, Ascot, Berkshire. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, at 4 p.m. on Friday, 10th March, 1978.

WARR.—On 5th March, 1978, peacefully, Edith Beatrice Warr, of Caledon Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks. Founder with Miss Florence H. Perkins of High March School, Beaconsfield. Dearly loved by family, friends and former pupils. Cremation private. A memorial service will be held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Beaconsfield, on Monday, 13th March, at 2 p.m. Flowers may be sent to the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, by 11 a.m., or donations to a children's charity.

WHATLEY (nee McDonnell), **PAULA MARY FRANCES**, peacefully at home, 6th March. Funeral 12.00, Friday, 10th, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Petersfield. Flowers to Funeral Services, Petersfield by 11 a.m.

WHITEHILL.—On March 5th, 1978, in hospital after a short illness in Boston, Massachusetts, Walter Muir Whitehill, much loved husband of Jane, and father of Jane and Diana. Letters to family will be forwarded by Mrs. C. Christopher Laing, 11 Thurloe Street, London S.W.7.

WILLIAMSON.—On March 6th, peacefully at his home, 47 Newmarket Rd., Norwich, H. S. Williamson, O.B.E., late headmaster of Chelsea School of Art. Cremation on Friday at 3.30.

WRIGHT.—On 3rd March, 1978, in a nursing home, Henry Lionel Wright, aged 72 years, formerly chief scientific officer of the Air Ministry. Requiem Mass and funeral service at our Lady of Ransom Church, Eastbourne, on Friday, 10th March, at 12 noon followed by interment at Ocklynge cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Haine & Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne, Sussex.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ABEL, ARTHUR LAWRENCE.—A memorial service will be held at All Souls, Langham Place, W.1, at 12 noon, Wednesday, March 15th.

WESTMACOTT.—A Memorial Service for the late Colonel Guy Randolph Westmacott, D.S.O., will be held at the Guards Chapel, S.W.1, on Wednesday, April 26 at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM

A.R.B.—Ever in my thoughts and never more so than on this our Sacred anniversary. Peter Guy.

BEECHAM, SIR THOMAS, Bart, C.H., April 29th, 1879, to March 8th, 1961. In remembrance of this great Englishman who in his life achieved so much both in the fields of music elsewhere and who *today is greatly missed by his* many friends and admirers.

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IN MEMORIAM

FRY.—On March 4th, 1976, Betty died.—So dearly loved by all who know her.—D. & G.

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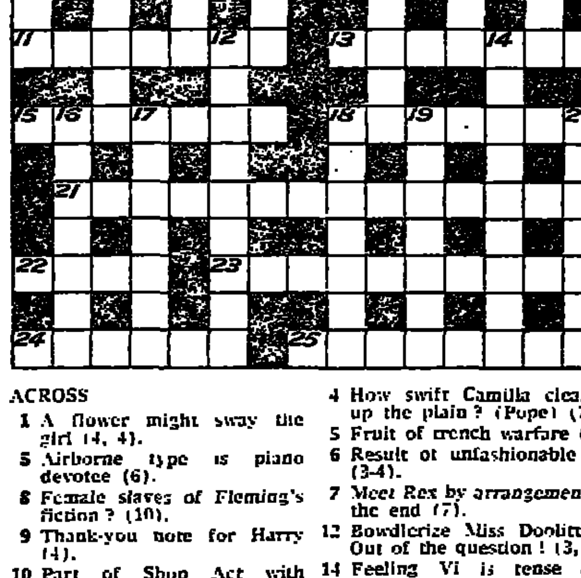
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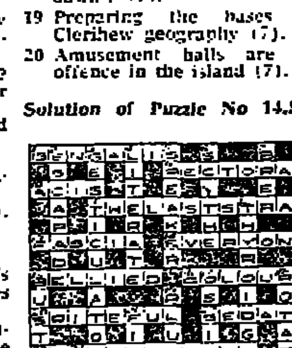
ACROSS

1 A flower might sway the girl (4, 4).
5 Airborne type is piano devotee (6).
8 Female slaves of Fleming's fiction? (10).
9 Thank-you note for Harry (4).
10 Part of Shop Act with neutralizing effect (14).
11 Send round cash gift as pay for the priest (7).
13 Sir Patrick about to turn poet (7).
15 Create an effect in the theatre (7).
18 Inspired public protest by Northern Ireland Conservative (7).
21 Stitches during a race? Instant remedies, rather (7, 7).
22 African Queen avoided action (4).
23 Speed trip? (10).
24 Copious, if "corny", outpouring (6).
25 Shocks bad for horses (8).

DOWN

1 Beer-maker caught King's Scholar in simple fiddles (7).
2 Contributing four-point conclusion to study of the French Communist leader (9).
3 A favour to trees, perhaps (7).
4 How swift Camilla cleaned up the plain? (Pope) (7).
5 Fruit of trench warfare (9).
6 Result of unfashionable act (3-4).
7 Meet Rex by *arrangement* in the end (7).
12 Bowdlerize Miss Doolittle? Out of the question! (3, 6).
14 Feeling Vi is tense and upset (9).
16 Biased towards desirable match with Alfred (7).
17 Disparage detailed analysis (3, 4).
18 Like Africa before the dawn? (7).
19 Preparing the bases of Clerihew geography (7).
20 Amusement halls are an offence in the island (7).

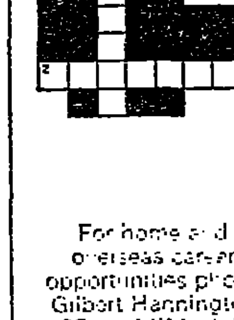
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